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THE LUMBER YARD RIGHT-OF-WAY SECURED

The right-of-way dispute as to damages for moving buildings on the E. C. Robinson Lumber Co., leased and work on moving the sheds and buildings is expected to begin soon after January 1. This will give a straight line east and west through Sikeston without any detours and will be more convenient for the traveling public.

This was a case where the public was given more consideration than the owners of the property or renters thereof, as an expense of something like \$5000 will be attached to the clearing of the right-of-way. The balance of the hard road east and west through Scott County from Cairo to Poplar Bluff has been completed some time and as soon as the buildings are set back the contractor, Norman Davis, will soon complete this short stretch.

AGRICULTURE IS MUCH IMPROVED

Columbia, Mo., December 17.—That county extension agents should lay the greatest emphasis upon the spiritual values of their work was the keynote of an address given today by Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture, at the final morning session of the county extension agents, who have been meeting in the west Agricultural Building.

"We talk too much to the farmer in terms of 'if you will do this, you will get an extra dollar'," said Dean Mumford. "Our purpose is the development of the idea of service among the farmers themselves in order that they may understand what the extension worker is trying to accomplish."

"We are materialistic and measure our achievements thus, but it is thru the spiritual things that we really achieve the desired success. The hope of American democracy lies on the farm and rests with this group to develop not merely the material possibilities but also the spiritual."

Dean Mumford answered the question of what an extension worker should accomplish by saying that it depended largely on the individual. While the county agent, of course, has certain definite tasks, Dean Mumford pointed out that the really lasting things he achieved depended entirely upon his own initiative.

"It must also be kept in mind that all extension workers are on a common ground. Their business is education, they deal in knowledge and the imparting of this is their chief problem. The acquisition of knowledge is a good thing, but only when it is applied does it become useful."

Turning from the discussion of the county agent to the conditions of agriculture, Dean Mumford said that the time has arrived when it is safe to be optimistic about the future of agriculture.

"I have no doubt I am right in telling the students that this is a good time for a man to go into agriculture," Dean Mumford declared.

"Though the progress of agriculture may be slower than that in industry, we must not be discouraged. The trouble lies in the lack of organization among the farmers, and the difficulty of reaching them. All this, however, merely points out that education among farmers is indeed more necessary."

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking friends and neighbors for aid and sympathy during the sickness and death of our husband, father and brother, James Cresap, which occurred Monday, December 10, at his home in Gideon, Mo.—Mother, son and sisters.

The mid-winter business meeting of the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association will be held at the Marquette Hotel, St. Louis, at 1:30 p. m., December 27th. Also the mid-winter dinner dance will be held at the Riverview Club, St. Louis, the evening of December 27th.

UNITED STATES LOAN BLOCKED BY POINCARÉ

Paris, December 17.—The French Government will oppose the Reparations Commission granting permission to Germany to borrow \$70,000,000 in America with which to purchase foodstuffs. In as much as unanimity would be required in the commission, this means the German request, which was made public here today, will be rejected.

The French take the stand that if Germany needs \$70,000,000 worth of American food, German citizens, who hold abroad wealth, which the French estimate at \$3,000,000,000, can easily finance it. In other words, the French argue that if Germany could buy \$50,000,000 worth of cotton and copper in the United States in the past year and pay for it, the Germans can buy wheat in the same manner.

It was also pointed out here that the German wheat crop this year is the largest in thirty-five years, and that those entitled to reparation payments should not be made to pay for Germany's inability to distribute her food due to the chaos which the French say was caused by nothing else than the German fight to escape fulfillment of her duties under the Versailles treaty.

It is also mentioned in Paris that France once before consented to allow a German food credit to have priority over reparations, and in addition to humanitarian motives, the French at that time were unquestionably actuated by the idea of permitting Germany to restore herself in order to pay reparations. The net result so far as the French can see was that the 1,000,000,000 gold marks otherwise pledged for reparations, went to America and filled stomachs brought no German desire or willingness to pay France.

The French, of course, feel it possible that their refusal will bring the charge that they are cruel to the hungry Germans. They expect this cry to come from many countries. Their reply will be that the richer nations whose hearts are stirred by this feeling are perfectly free to send food to Germany, but that France, staggering under a fiscal burden imposed by the default of the Germans, cannot be asked to do what in effect would mean her footing the largest part of the bills.

In case the charity of other nations does not equal their solicitude for the German hunger, the French think the citizens of England, America, Holland and Switzerland should think of the German bank balances in their financial institutions and figure who is more cruel to the Germans, Stinnes or Poincaré.

In response to the feeling sent to Paris two weeks ago the French notified the Germans that they would not agree to a food loan in America and the fact that on top of that, Berlin insists on standing to the Reparation Commission a request which she knows in advance would be refused, leads to the belief here that the Reich is trying to use the spectre of hungry women and children for propaganda purposes. The Reparation Commission will meet Wednesday when it may consider the German proposal.

The full text of the German note follows:

"The results of the last cereal harvest and the experience of the last few years show Germany requires to import a further quantity of about 1,500,000 tons of bread cereals up to August, 1924. As a period of several months is required for the purchase of sea transports, distributing in Germany to various mills, grinding and the delivery of flour to consumers, the purchase and importation of corn required cannot be postponed until the supplies of corn in Germany have been consumed. Foreign purchases must be distributed over a fairly long period, since if they are postponed until corn supplies in Germany are exhausted supplementary purchases could only lead to a considerable rise in prices and there would also be an excessive increase in the price in Germany, owing to scarcity of home supplies."

"For the purchase of this corn, Germany is dependent on foreign credit."

"Further, the experience of the last



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few years shows for her supply of fats, Germany requires a regular supplement from abroad of 10,000 tons per month; that is, 70,000 tons for the period from January until the beginning of August, 1924. Importation of this quantity of fats is a vital necessity for the German population, which is endangered unless a foreign credit is forthcoming.

"Credit negotiations, which for the reasons set forth above, have already been opened and have revealed the fact that foreign banks, in principle, are prepared to grant credit to the amount of from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000 for the period of three years, but they will only give credit on the condition that it is given precedence over Germany's reparation obligations."

"The German Government, therefore, has the honor to request the Reparations Commission to declare in principle that three years' credit to an amount not exceeding \$70,000,000 for the purchases of bread cereals and fats, may, in accordance with paragraph 2, article 251, of the treaty of Versailles, be granted priority over Germany's reparation obligations."

"In view of the urgency of the question indicated above, the German Government requests that the Reparations Commission come to a decision as quickly as possible."

St. Francis Xavier's Church

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Christmas

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Second Mass, 7:00 o'clock

Third Mass, 9:00 o'clock.

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1100 ENROLLED, 32 TEACHERS EMPLOYED

With 1000 Actually Attending Public Schools Here

Sikeston Public Schools are by far the largest of any in the four counties of which Sikeston is the center.

With over 700 in grades, 230 in high school and enough colored to run the total to 1000 and every available room in use, the city's growth is reflected in her school attendance.

In addition to the above, the Parochial school maintains several rooms. The entire system will close down Friday afternoon until Monday morning, December 31.

RURAL CARRIERS WILL
HAVE CHRISTMAS OFF

Four rural route mail carriers working out of the Sikeston postoffice will have a vacation on Christmas Day, as will other rural carriers throughout the nation, according to an announcement from Washington. In former years it has been the custom to have carriers work that day, but they have been free on New Year's Day.

City carriers on Christmas Day will get the usual half-holiday.

Hard-boiled eggs can be more readily peeled if they are cooked in slightly salted water.

There is a considerable vogue in New York at present for amber and black. Many new wrist bags are in black with black embroidery, and amber cigarette holders with black onyx bands are very fashionable.

It is never so difficult to speak as when we are ashamed of our silence. While in Kansas City last week H. C. Blanton had the pleasure of meeting Miss Maud Phillips and Miss Allie Howard, former teachers in the Sikeston High School. Both asked to be remembered to friends.

Senator Spencer has introduced a bill in the Senate for a postoffice building for Caruthersville. Now would be a good time for some of our patriotic Republicans to ask the Senator to try for a building here.

Cars driven by W. A. Singleton of Sikeston and Dr. Waters of Matthews, collided near the Methodist Church in this city Tuesday afternoon. Neither of the occupants were hurt, though Singleton's car was badly damaged.

Sikeston is the only town in the State of its size, that has neither auditorium or gymnasium in connection with its schools. There is Morehouse, Morley, Blodgett and Diehlstadt right close around us, that have us skinned a mile for physical education.

The Sikeston public would be glad if the Government would send in a good, strong Billie Goat to tie in the lobby of the Postoffice to change the smell. These rainy days force the negroes in there to get out of the weather and the atmosphere is so thick it can almost be cut.

It is a crime of the worst sort for any person to drive a car at night without lights. The two children who were killed a few nights ago when a car turned over in a ditch would have still been alive if the father had used lights. He was driving an old rattle trap without lights at 1:30 in the morning when the accident happened. What a pity it wasn't he, instead of the children.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Judge Stacy of Sikeston was in Matthews Tuesday.

A'bert Deane went to Cape Girardeau Monday on business.

Charles King and son, C. O. King, visited relatives in Parma Monday.

Mrs. Mary Steele and son, Howard, visited relatives in Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Tuesday.

Francis Steele of New Madrid laid off the plat for the High School building Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and daughter of New Madrid were Matthews visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stewart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and daughter, Miss Ella, and Jim Jones shopped in Cape Girardeau Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy and children of Sikeston, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shelton, Sunday.

Miss Frankie Deane, who is attending school in New Madrid, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

Mrs. D. A. Chiles was called to Cape Girardeau Thursday on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Alma Biggens.

Mrs. Donney Durbin and babe, of Bytheville, Ark., are visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, this week.

Mrs. Florence Woodard and sister, Mrs. Nellie Wilson motored to Sikeston Friday, where Mrs. Wilson went to take her little daughter to the doctor.

Clifford Reed met with a very painful accident Tuesday while wrestling, having sprained his arm severely. It was thought at first it was broken, but on examination, found it just a sprain.

Mrs. Alice Hunott, wife of Richard Hunott, died at the home of her son, Gale Hunott, Monday morning at 8:30. Mrs. Hunott was born in Mitchell, Ind., March 15, 1865, departed this life December 17, 1923, aged 58 yrs., 9 months and 2 days o'd. "Aunt Alice" as she was called by her many friends, has been in poor health for the past several months. Everything that human hand could do was done, but it seemed that she continued to gradually grow worse, until the end came Monday morning. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, two sons, Gale Hunott of this city and Bud Hunott of Arkansas, one daughter, Mrs. James Hill, of this city, and a very large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. S. Surface Tuesday at the M. E. Church, interment taking place in the Matthews cemetery.

A man by the name of Woods, with his wife and three children, were coming from Bragg City, in a Ford touring car, on a visit to his brother, living about two miles west of Matthews, when about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning, Mr. Woods was driving along without any lights and his car turned over into a ditch about 4 1/2 miles south of Sikeston, near the farm of John Calvin. Mr. Woods, not realizing how serious the accident was, went to Mr. Calvin's to get aid. On returning, it was discovered that the trunk that was in the back seat with the two children, aged 3 and 8, was lying on them in the ditch. When the trunk was pulled off, it was discovered that the children had strangled to death. The mother and babe were seriously injured. The children and mother were taken to the Calvin house, where an inquest was held over the two dead children by Coroner D. A. Chiles, and medical attention was immediately administered to the mother and babe. This was certainly a very sad accident and this man, although a stranger in our community, has the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Matthews.

Dr. Tonelli, of St. Louis, a former practicing physician in this city, was here for a few days' visit during the week.

MRS. LILLIAN PATE PASSES TO REWARD

Mrs. Lillian Pate, wife of William Pate, died at her home in this city, Tuesday morning at 1:00 o'clock, after a lingering illness, of tuberculosis. She had been in poor health for several years and confined to her bed for several months. Through her long illness she suffered much, but was a most patient invalid, with no word of complaint.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson of this city and one of a large family. Two brothers, J. P. and Claud, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Moeabec, of her immediate family, with her husband, William Pate, and son, Earl, are left to mourn her passing.

Mrs. Pate had long been a member of the Baptist Church and the Order of Eastern Star, and until her last sickness, was an active worker in both church and lodge.

The funeral took place at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. S. P. Brite officiating and the Eastern Star having charge of the ceremonies, after which her mortal remains were laid away in the City Cemetery.

The Standard joins friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

WOMAN'S CLUB MET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the City Hall Tuesday afternoon with a few members present. After the regular business was disposed of, the program, Public Welfare, was the subject, in charge of Mrs. John Powell, assisted by Mrs. Walter McGee. Both ladies gave interesting reports. Miss Effie Sellards, captain of the Girl Scouts, gave a very interesting report of the Girl Scouts movement in Sikeston, which was enjoyed by those present. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday evening, January 2 at the Hotel Marshall, with the Lion Club and their wives, the Commercial Club and their wives, as guests of the Club. Prof. Hoover, of the Teachers' College of Cape Girardeau, will be the speaker of the evening. His subject will be, "Looking Forward." There will be several musical numbers given during the evening also, and a very enjoyable evening is promised. The hours will be from 8:00 to 11:00.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT METHODIST CHURCH

Special Christmas music at the morning service Sunday at the M. E. Church. Two anthems by the choir, "The Herald Angels"—Stults; "Glory To God In the Highest"—Dressler, with violin obligato by Miss Helen Welsh. The organ numbers are "Adeste Fidelis"—Whiting, "A Shepherd's Toll"—Gillette; "Chorus of Shepherds"—Lemmens.

Carl C. Freeman is home from the Chillicothe Business College for a Christmas visit with homefolks.

Ralph Wilkey, who is attending school in Indiana is here for the holidays. He is the third of the Wilkey boys who has ambition for a better education and is working his way up. Success is his and his brothers.

Lingerie played all over in accordance with the 'in' once more in New York. Slip-ons of this sort in Nile green radium have tiny garlands of rosebuds on the shoulders and a narrow girdle of black velvet ribbon.

While hogs are not worth feeding for market at this time, the Blanton boys had a gilt to farrow 14 pigs a few days ago, 12 of them males. Wonder if the butcher shops have heard of the low price of pork on foot. We who buy know the high price over the block.

It is rumored that Miss Maud Phillips, former principal of the Sikeston High School, but a teacher in one of the Kansas City High Schools, is engaged to be married to a wealthy gentleman of El Paso, Texas. The Standard extends congratulations to the gentleman in congratulating the hand of so estimable a lady.

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POLITICAL LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Wallace Bassford

Washington, D. C., December 17.—
President Coolidge's first message,
carefully and studiously prepared af-
ter weeks of thought, has gone to the
world. The Democrats have gener-
ally refrained from unfriendly criti-
cism; perhaps one reason for this
was that they realized that the first
aim of the message was to enable Mr.
Coolidge to win his own party nomi-
nation, and in this they wish him well.
He is in, has been in but a short time,
and they feel that he should have a
chance for his white ally, as the
boys say. The Republicans around
Washington, who, when there is pie
to be distributed, turn each morning
toward the White House, even as the
Moslem turns toward Mecca, has
greased their vocal cords and tuned
their voices for a month in order to
shout their approval, no matter what
doctrines the President might pro-
claim. The people of the country
generally will probably get their best
cue as to just what sort of message
it was from the manner in which it
was received in certain quarters. It
was observed that the Wall Street
Journal chortled in glee when it
found that everything for which it
had prayed was duly set forth—re-
duction of the surtaxes on big in-
comes, continuation of the Esch-Cum-
mins law with its guarantees and
prohibitive freight rates, refusal of a
bonus to the soldiers, and so on. The
big interests for which the Journal al-
ways speaks were equally delighted
with some of the omissions noted;
while there were seven thousand
words in the message, there was not
one for the interests of labor.

Mr. Coolidge, with a weather eye
on the colored delegates from the
South and on the negro vote next No-
vember, strongly espoused the Dyer
anti-lynching bill. This bill is worthy
of profound consideration. It pro-
vides, among other things, that if five
or more persons lynch another in-
dividual within any given county, that
county shall be penalized to the ex-
tent of fifty thousand dollars. Bad
as this is, it becomes worse when one
contemplates the situation which
would arise if a mob originating in
one county should carry the victim
across the line into another county
and hang him. The bill is largely
fostered from a feeling that political
conditions demand it; Mr. Dyer has
to hold the 12,000 negro votes in his
St. Louis district or lose his seat in
Congress. The Republican party has
to hold the negro vote, now rapidly
slipping, or lose several states in
which it practically holds the balance
of power. In the recent elections in
New York and Kentucky the negro
divided; in New York most of them
voted the Democratic ticket; in Mary-
land so many of them broke from the
Republican party that even St.
Mary's county, Republican for de-
cades, landed in the Democratic col-
umn. Schooling and going up and
down in the land, steadily bring the
negroes to a different view; their
leaders are finding that the spirit of
Lincoln no longer pervades the Re-
publican party. In fact, the eastern,
or reactionary end of the party has
gone back to the old federalism of
Hamilton, who believed that one class
should rule over the others by right
of birth, blood, breeding and wealth;
the western or progressive wing has
become to a large degree socialistic.
The spirit of Lincoln had vanished be-
fore Hayes was manipulated into the
Presidency won by Tilden and long be-
fore Mark Hanna spent sixteen mil-
lion to put McKinley in the White
House; had that spirit not been in
eclipse, these things could not have
happened. The intelligent negro—
and he is becoming numerous and is
leading his brethren—is feeling this
keenly and realizing that he is but a
burden-bearer for the Republican
bosses. Hence and wherefore the
Dyer bill.

A year ago the Democrats swept
New York State with the aid of
Hearst; a few weeks ago they repeat-
ed, but this time they turned the trick
with Hearst lined up on the other

side. The Democrats find they can
win without him; the Republicans
find they cannot win without him. One
may wear out his pencil figuring on
electoral votes and not be able to put
Coolidge over without the vote of
New York, and all the advance in-
dications are that New York's vote will
be denied him. If anything were
needed to make this more certain, the
President himself supplied it when he
declared against the bonus. He has
listened to the voice of the New York
Tribune and the Washington Post;
his message runs a remarkable paral-
lel to their editorials of the last
three months. He has listened to
these opulent and interested persons
of high position who have access to
his ear, forgetful of the million who
may never see his face, and who
cannot maintain their lobbies in
Washington. He has not even read
with understanding the referendum
vote on the bonus question in New
York State last month. In that State
the legislature passed a State bonus
bill; the big taxpayers took it through
the courts and beat it; then it was
taken into the election by the refer-
endum process, and when this had be-
fore the voters of both sexes it was
carried by a vote of seven to one. Can
the President, opposing the bonus,
win in New York against that handi-
cap, with the Democrats in power in
the State, with the intensely popular
Al Smith in the Governor's chair,
with 'Honest John' Hyman in the May-
or's office, and Coolidge himself un-
der the dubious pledge to carry out
those Harding policies which were so
obnoxious to the people? Right there
lies the answer which fickle Fortune
will give to Coolidge's ambition.

500 Children Seen In 'His Children's Children' Picture

Just think of paying five hundred
children to attend a picnic! That's
just what Sam Wood did for a child-
ren's May party in Central Park, New
York, which was staged for scenes in
'His Children's Children', a picturi-
zation of Arthur Train's novel, which
Mr. Wood produced for Paramount
and which comes to the Malone thea-
tre next Friday.

With the five hundred youngsters
as a nucleus and a merry-go-round, a
trick mule, a performing monkey, a
Punch-and-Judy show, a hot dog
stand, ice cream and gincracks of all
kinds as magnets, there was little
trouble in drawing every kid within
calling distance of the Casino into
the picture. In fact, the party grew
to such proportions within fifteen
minutes after the ten sight-seeing
buses had deposited the children on
the picnic ground, that Mr. Wood and
his assistants had a difficult time
handling the uproarious bunch.

But the hardest of all to control
were the mothers—five hundred of
them too—who wanted to get into
the picture with their off-spring or
were solicitous about their children
being in the center of the picture.
There were more potential Jack-
ie Coagans and Baby Peggys—to take
the mothers' word for it—before the
cameras in Central Park than one
could imagine. Obviously it was im-
possible for Mr. Wood to put all of
the kiddies in the front rank, but he
couldn't make the mothers see that.
Each parent was positive her child

was the cutest and cleverest in the
crowd—and there were some mighty
cute ones at that, curly blond heads,
lucky black ones, dimpled elbows,
sparkling blue eyes, and hundreds of
cute snub noses.

It was a hectic day, but the result
was gratifying to Director Wood.
George Fawcett, who plays the role
of Peter B. Kayne in the story, gave
the picnic party, and it was not hard
for him to register happiness with
nearly a thousand happy kids around
him. Other principals in the com-
pany, who worked in the scenes were
Babe Daniels, Dorothy Mackaill, Hale
Hamilton, John Davidson, Joe Burke
and Warner Oland.

The Next War

I do not believe the stories that
large numbers of men are being
trained in Germany. Why should
they be? Germany still has millions
of war-trained soldiers—all she could
possibly handle. There is no doubt,
however, that there are groups of
ex-officers meeting and planning for
the next war and that cannot be stop-
ped by any amount of allied military
control. The danger does not lie
there, but in the assumption of the
Government by men like Von Seeckt
and Hindenburg, creche rising of the
desperate people on the Rhine. I take
no stock in the fixing of a nearby
time to strike. That was largely
bluff, in my judgment. With Ger-
many in its present chaos it is ridicu-
lous to fix a time for anything.
But I know and believe with all
earnestness that what Poincare is do-
ing is bringing on the next war in
Europe with giant strides, and that
that war is inevitable unless the
moral forces of the world are mar-
shaled to stop what is happening in
the occupied territories and to get
the French out of all of Germany at
once. It is for England and America
to see that this catastrophe does not
come to pass. They can stop it if
they will. They will certainly be ut-
terly lacking in true friendship and
good-will to France if they do not
unite to save her from the grave she
is digging not only for herself but
for all Europe. It is what A. G.
Cardiner calls it in the London Na-
tion, 'the greatest crime in the his-
tory of Europe'—Oswald Garrison
Villard in the Nation.

The Mother-In-Law

The mother-in-law joke is no joke,
according to the officials of the Le-
gal Aid Society, which has for 47
years been unraveling tangles that
find their way into the courts. Leon-
ard McGee, the society's attorney,
presents the evidence: 'Thousands of
domestic-difficulty cases have come to
the Legal Aid Society in recent years.
Last year we helped to straighten
out the difficulties of more than 3663
couples. Mothers-in-law were re-
sponsible for most of them.' A sta-
tistical analysis made by Mr. McGee
reveals that 'there are three reasons
for this mother-in-law complex:
First, no mother thinks any other wo-
man's child is good enough for her
own; secondly, a mother frequently
sees in the marriage of her child the
thwarting of her own plans and am-
bitions; and third, where the boy or

girl has been a wage-earner the
mother dislikes sharing her accus-
tomed income with another'. This
takes all the joy out of the mother-
in-law comedy. A troublesome moth-
er-in-law, it seems, is scientifically
only a mother who continues protect-
ing her child beyond the period when
the child needs protection. Just as
earlier she would have liked to keep
her boy in curls and was reluctant to
let her daughter do up her hair she
is unwilling, after her son or daugh-
ter marries, to surrender her rights
and influence to an alien. No doubt
all mothers hate to surrender, but
most of them do it, gracefully or with
as much grace as they can muster.
Otherwise, there would be more
wrecked families than there are.—
New York Herald.

Missouri has the 2nd largest as to
area and one of the very first State
fairs as to management and quality
of program, at Sedalia, W. D. Smith,
Secretary.

The first member of a President's
cabinet to come from west of the Mis-
sissippi River was a Missourian. (Ed-
ward Bates of President Lincoln's
first cabinet.)

South Missouri is the home of the
'Ozark Fruit Growers Association',
and heading the supporting cast are
one of the widest known co-operative
organizations of producers in the
Middle West.

GREAT WESTERN STORY IS 'THE CALL OF THE CANYON'

The bigness of the west and the
nobility of its people, described as
only Zane Grey can describe them,
are shown in 'The Call of the Can-
yon', Paramount's second Zane Grey
production, which will be the big
feature at the Malone theatre for
two days beginning Wednesday next.
The story is the latest written by
this popular author. It treats of a
phase of American life when the love
of gayety and extravagance followed
in the wake of the great war. The
part which the west and western peo-
ple played in bringing America to a
greater love of wholesome prosperity
and life in the out-of-doors, is ad-
mirably shown in this excellent pic-
ture.

'The Call of the Canyon' is said to
be one of the best stories ever writ-
ten by Zane Grey and in the produc-
tion of the picture, the spirit of the
original has been faithfully retained.
Mr. Grey personally assisted in the
search for locations as a background
for the picture.

The featured players are Richard
Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw
and heading the supporting cast are
Noah Beery, Ricardo Cortez and Fred
Huntley. The picture was directed
by Victor Fleming.

The photoplay opens with the arri-

val from France of Glenn Kilbourne,
played by Richard Dix, who finds his
sweetheart Carley Burch, portrayed
by Lois Wilson, engrossed in a gay
life in New York. Disgusted with af-
ter-war extravagance, he leaves for
Arizona to regain his health and his
faith in mankind. Here he meets Flo
Hunter, a role played by Marjorie
Daw. Flo falls in love with Glenn
and, feeling that Carley will never
consent to live in the west, he is on
the point of marrying Flo.

Carley Burch unexpectedly arrives
in Arizona and a series of dramatic
scenes follow in which Carley wages
a battle of wits against Flo for the
affections of Glenn. The bigness of
the spirit of westerners is shown in
the final dramatic scenes which are
filled with suspense up to the climax
of the picture.

'The Call of the Canyon', it is stat-
ed, will eclipse the former high
standard set by 'To the Last Man'.
Paramount's first Zane Grey produc-
tion which was heralded by critics as
one of the best western pictures pro-
duced during the year.

The two-piece frock has arrived as
an important part of the tailored
suit. Oddly enough, the swanky cloth
scarf thrown around the neck is at-
tached to the frock instead of to the
almost knee-length coat.

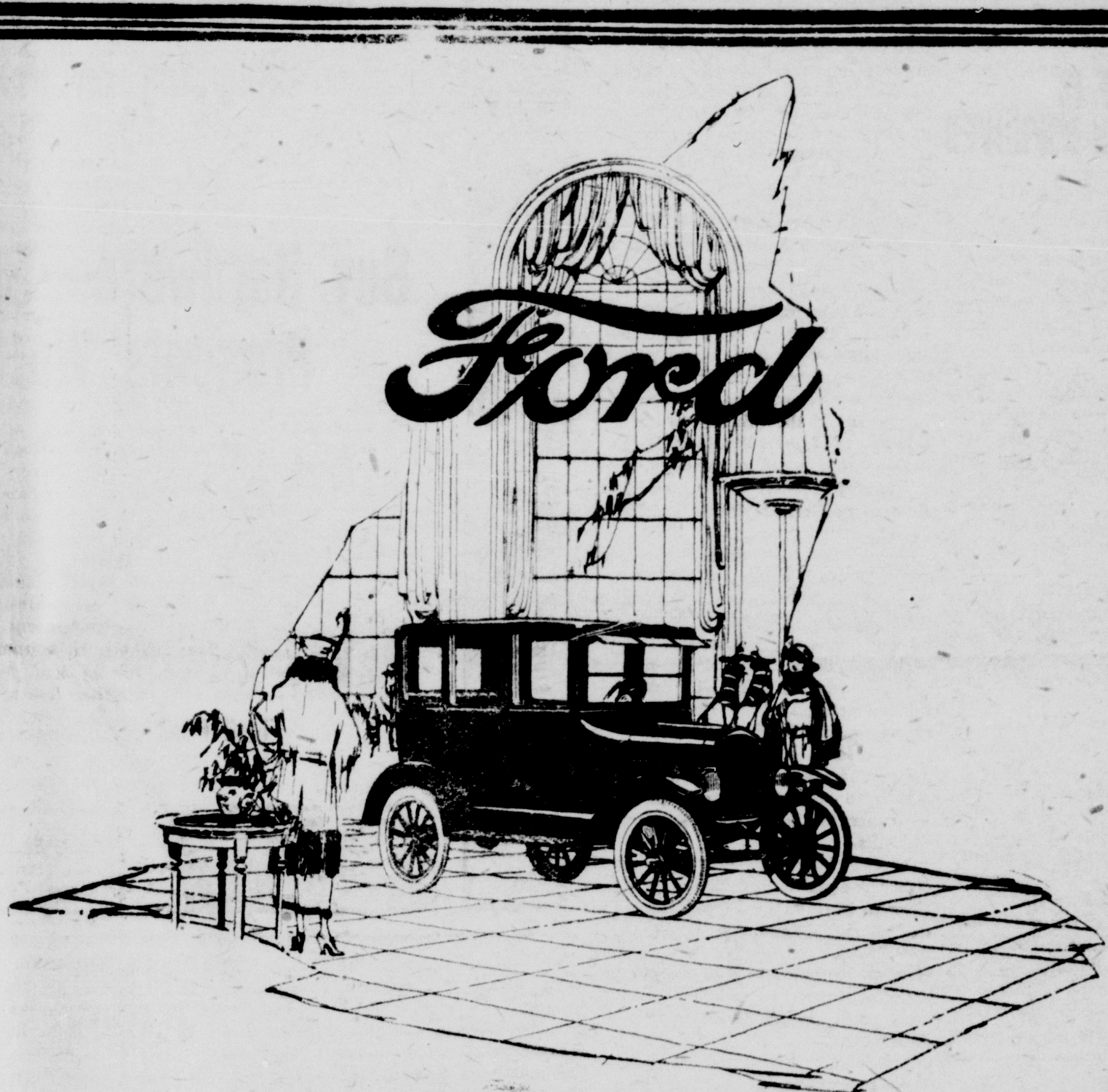
A fanciful new wrist watch is in
platinum and amethyst. From its
queer octagonal points dangle little
amethyst pendants on slender platini-
um chains. In reality, this is a love-
ly bracelet, with the dial face almost
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DEMOCRATS DENOUNCE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS

Washington, December 19.—Unable after twenty-five ballots to break the deadlock over the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee, the Senate agreed today to defer further balloting until after the Christmas recess of Congress, which begins tomorrow and ends on January 3.

Meantime, there will be a renewal of efforts to unravel the tangle into which the Senate was precipitated 10 days ago, but in view of the failure of all past prophecies, no one appeared willing to venture a prediction as to how the problem finally will be solved.

Two ballots today failed to show any material change in the situation.

Senators Cummins, Republican, Iowa, and Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, again ran almost neck and neck, with Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, trailing the field, having the support of only the Republican insurgents and five other so-called Liberals on the majority side of the chamber.

After the second ballot and while Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, was seeking to move for an executive session, the flood gates were opened for Democratic oratory for the first time this session.

In starting the discussion, Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, referred to the continuous balloting as "child's play" and gave notice that after the holidays he would move for the Senate to proceed to the public business.

Other Democrats charged that the Republican majority was unable to

organize the Senate. This brought a retort from Senator Brookhart of Iowa, a Republican insurgent, that the Republicans were not wholly to blame for the deadlock, since one Democrat, Senator Bruce of Maryland, had refused to support Senator Smith at a time when one vote would have elected him.

After the Senate went into executive session it got into another row over confirmation of postmasters, but finally approved the appointment of 704 of them in a session continuing more than two hours. Methods of selecting postmasters in the Southern States and charges that former service men have been discriminated against in appointments, formed the chief subject of controversy.

Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, offered a resolution, under which the Postmaster General would be directed to furnish the Senate "at the earliest practicable moment" the names of all first, second and third class postmasters appointed since March 4, 1921, and selected over "one or more ex-service men higher on the eligible lists". Action on the resolution was deferred.

Today there is rarely a veil seen on a woman in Egypt.

The Sikeston Brownies will give a Christmas party for six little girls Friday afternoon, December 21st, in the Scout Room.

The Union Electric Co. will give a party for the local employees at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck, on Friday evening, December 28.

Sioux City, Ia., boasts of the youngest female attorney practicing in the courts of the United States, in the person of Miss Gladys Yeaman, 23 years old.

The Girl Scouts of Sikeston will sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve. Anyone wishing to have the girls sing, please notify Miss Effie Sellards or Miss Mabel Barnett.

Another practical gift is a dress length, and one New York shop is featuring these in cotton Canton crepes, and Normandy voiles in the new spring patterns and colorings which make this a decidedly acceptable gift.

The housewife who cannot find time to embroider the table linens will appreciate a tablecloth or napkins with initial woven right into the damask. These come in exquisite designs and the woven initial is a very new idea.

A gift for the house has become a Christmas custom in many families. If this is for a small apartment you better take a look at the clothes rack that swings from a wall bracket. It takes up no floor space and will hold eight articles of apparel.

One Fifth Avenue shop in New York is featuring new accessory sets that would make a practical gift which the well-dressed woman might appreciate. The set consists of novelty gloves in either suede or glace, and stockings to match. The clocks and motifs in the stockings are in the same tone as the stitching on the gloves and it makes a smart combination.



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COUNTRY SAFE WITH COOLIDGE SAYS FORD

Detroit, Michigan, December 19.—Henry Ford today declared that he, like a great majority of the American people, felt that the country was "safe with Coolidge" and that he himself would never consider running against Coolidge on any ticket.

"I believe it is the wise and natural thing for the people to agree on the nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge," Ford said. "I am satisfied that 90 per cent of the people feel perfectly safe with Coolidge and I feel, too, that the country is perfectly safe with him. And if this is the feeling of the country, why change?"

"Mr. Coolidge has shown in these months of service a great many qualities that should please his countrymen. I think they all feel that Mr. Coolidge means to do right. And when a man means to do right, so far as I have observed, it is usually quite easy for him to find the way to do right."

"Some people seem disturbed over the conditions which business will face during the presidential election year. Of course, there must be an election. But there is no reason why business should be disturbed by it, if the people by common consent agree they will hold to a good man while they have him. Public sentiment can be so formed long before the election that there need be no doubt about the election."

"In addition to considering the interests of the people, we should consider the interests of the President, as head of the American Government. President Coolidge has a position of the highest responsibility. He should not feel compelled to take any of his time or strength for any kind of political campaigning and for the sake of the country, as well as for his own, he should not have to do so."

Asked concerning the use of his own name in connection with the presidency, Mr. Ford said:

"No man has a right to say he never will consider public office, nor accept public office. No man can predict his own acts and feelings so strongly as that. But this I will say, that I would never for a moment think of running against Calvin Coolidge for President on any ticket whatever. In this present situation I am for Coolidge."

Regarding the numerous "Ford-for-President" organizations and the recent Ford conferences held here, persons close to the automobile manufacturer said he had given them "not half a moment's thought".

"It was something Mr. Ford could not call in the police to stop", one official asserted, "so the clubs continue to function, although some of them have the sanction or support of Mr. Ford."

GREEK KING AND QUEEN DEPART FOR RUMANIA

Athens, December 19.—King George and Queen Elizabeth, complying with the government's request that they leave Greece, embarked on the steamship Daphne for Rumania at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Admiral Coundouriotis, who it has been expected would be made regent, arrived here last evening, but it is uncertain whether he will agree to assume the regency. It seems not improbable that the regency will be confided to the Council of Ministers, who would be invested with special powers.

Owing to the results of the elections, the Republicans are contesting the right of the present government to retain office.

The Liberals take the view that now that the King has left the country, former Premier Venizelos is unlikely to accept the invitation extended to him to return to Greece. He has not yet replied to a telegram sent him by the leader of the Liberal party asking him to come back.

London, December 19.—Indications are that the Greece censor has for reasons of his own drawn the curtain temporarily on the drama in progress in Greece, the climax of which was the departure of the King and the Queen, practically as exiles.

The most recent dispatches from Greece gave no indication of any untoward happenings there. Previous advices had stated that the departure of the King would be followed by the establishment of a regency under the aged Admiral Coundouriotis, and that the King's absence would be regarded as a "leave" pending the decision of the newly elected national assembly as to the future form of the Hellenic Government. The general belief was expressed, however, that King George's departure would be for good. In many quarters, the tendency of Greece toward a republican form of government is considered strong.

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SOVIET CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW U. S.

Washington, December 19.—Intercepted Soviet instructions from Russia to the Workers Party of America, outlining detailed plans for a proletarian revolution in America to raise the red flag over the White House were made public today by the State Department in support of Secretary Hughes' refusal yesterday to enter into any negotiations with Soviet Russia.

The department's announcement said that the Department of Justice "has assured the State Department of the authenticity of these instructions."

Part of the program outlined provided for the organization among industrial workers in the United States of "fighting units."

The members of the fighting units, in addition to all other matters, the instructions said, "must once a week be given instructions in shooting and receive some instruction in pioneer work (sapper work)."

Summarizing the results to be obtained, the document said:

"We are firmly convinced that work in the direction designated by us will give enormous results in the sense of preparing thousands of new propagandists, future leaders of the military forces of the party and faithful fighters during the social revolution."

The communist instructions were made public at the State Department without further explanation than was necessary to show the direct connection of this revolutionary project with the Soviet Government at Moscow. The publication was intended by Secretary Hughes to disclose the definite basis upon which rested the charge made in his communication to Tchitcherin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that the Moscow Government was continuing to conduct revolutionary propaganda in the United States.

Following the recent basketball game between Sikeston and Blodgett, came an argument of some sort that ended in Bill Marrs shooting three times with a shot gun at the Christmas Tree Ford owned and driven by Miley Limbaugh of this city. In the car with Miley were Joe Peacher, Hershel Tyre and Professor Malcolm Warrant was sworn out against Marrs and he will be given a hearing at Blodgett Friday afternoon.

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MONDAY AND TUESDAY:

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**TUESDAY NOTICE—Special Matinee 2:30 FREE to All
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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY:

ZANE GREY'S

"The Call of the Canyon"

With Richard Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw. Zazy-mad New York and the rugged West, frivolous society, and the mighty realities of nature, this picture shows both. A Zane Grey story, a guaranteed thrill, a roaring Western thriller with jazzy trimmings. Also NEWS and CHAT. Admission 15 and 35 Cents

FRIDAY:

"To The Ladies"

With Theodore Roberts, Edward Horton, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser. To the Ladies! This is your picture! Bring along the men and enjoy an hour and a half of supreme triumph! To the Men!—you've got to hand it to the Ladies! And oh, man! this picture gives 'em all the credit due! To Everybody!—Come along and laugh yourself hoarse at this comedy classic, made from the knockout stage success. Also MUTT & JEFF Cartoon and Comedy, "MUMMY." Admission 10 and 30 Cents

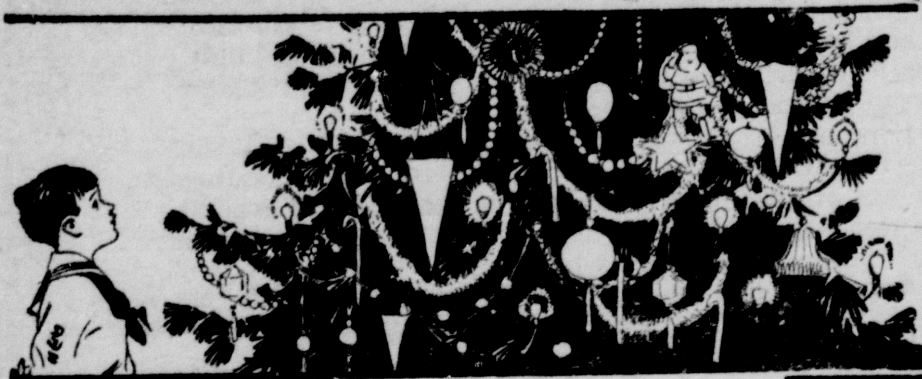
SATURDAY:

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"Snowdrift"

From famous novel by James B. Hendryx. A drama of Flaming Hearts in The Frozen North. Also Jack Hoxie in "THUNDERBOLT JACK." Admission 10 and 20 Cents. MATINEE 3:00. NIGHT: 7:00, 8:00 and 10 o'clock.

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The Standard has been embarrassed many times during the year just closing for the lack of ready money to meet our payroll and obligations to wholesale houses. This has been brought about by the failure of subscribers and patrons not paying bills at the end of the month when they fell due. This is to be changed the first of the year, when the office and family will go on a cash basis. Those using our columns for advertising purposes and merchants and tradesmen carrying accounts by the month are expected to settle accounts in full the first of each month. Job work is cash over the counter or when bill is presented. The Standard family will pay cash or do without and this is notice to our local merchants that after January 1, 1924, no charge account goes. Never in the history of the office have we been so rushed in our job department as we have been since late spring and we are stood off with a part payment until we have got to get the money promptly or cease business. Now, remember, a very little money will pay every bill that is against The Standard office or the family, but it is the lack of getting the amount in promptly that causes embarrassment to ourselves and to those who have extended credit to us.

The Scott County Milling Co. are offering a great number of prizes to cooks of Skeston and vicinity, who use Juanita Baking Powder. The entries are to close Saturday morning, December 22, at 10:00 o'clock, and the awards will be placed immediately. The winning items and entries will be on display in the lobby Saturday afternoon and all who have entries are requested to be present from 3:00 to 6:00, that afternoon at which time refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend this reception.

If Santa Claus will bring us a check from the readers who are in arrears on their paper it will make us happy again. These amounts are not great, but there are a lot of them.

There will be no issue of The Standard put out Monday eve unless something absolutely necessary arises. The regular Friday edition will be printed as usual Thursday afternoon. Both editions will appear the first week of January and continue as before.

The Standard hopes the absence of snow will not prevent Santa Claus from paying his annual visit to all good little boys and girls, and all are good at this time of the year. He can use a motor boat, an auto or an aeroplane, and there is no excuse this time for his not coming.

The party who took the 8-ounce vial of spirits from the certain safe in Skeston Wednesday, is suspended and a close watch will be kept on him. The loser is suffering from palpitation of the heart, bellyache, cold sweats, chills and fever since the loss, and is in a precarious condition.

Manager McCutchen of the Malone Theatre is offering a real treat to the pupils of the grade school, by giving them a free ticket to a special matinee of "Big Brother", Tuesday afternoon. This is one of the big pictures, is a late release and this Christmas gift should be duly appreciated by the pupils and their parents.

Christmas trade from New Madrid, Mississippi and Scott Counties has been so great with Cairo merchants that it was necessary to add another ferry boat to accommodate the people. They have been large advertisers in Southeast Missouri papers. This should be read and digested by local merchants who have used less printers ink this Christmas than in ten years.

Bear in mind that the dance to be given by the Lions at the Shoe Factory this evening, is absolutely free to the white public. Stewart's Orchestra of Memphis, Tenn., one of the best to be found, will furnish the music. This will be no trick for young bloods to bring their white mule as it will not be tolerated. This should be an affair that will long be remembered as one of real pleasure and enjoyment.

Dr. R. E. Wiley of Ristine was in town during the week.

BOY, 17 YEARS OLD AND HIS BRIDE, 51, INDICTED

Jersey City, N. J., December 19.—The Hudson County grand jury last night handed down two indictments against Burton S. Tucker, 17 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Susan Tucker, said to be 51, charging them with conspiracy to violate the State marriage laws and with perjury. Tucker was named in an indictment charging subordination of perjury.

Others indicted on the perjury charge were John Muller, a former Justice of the Peace of Hoboken, G. H. Greb, registrar of vital statistics in Union Hill, N. J., and John L. McGinnis of Gloucester, Mass.

Tucker and his wife alone were indicted for perjury in the alleged misrepresentation of their ages when they applied for their marriage license. Included with Tucker in the subordination perjury charge was Miller and Greb. Capias were issued late yesterday for all five by Judge Hyman Lazarus. Tucker and his wife were married in Union Hill on October 2, last, by the Rev. Robert H. Rollins, pastor of the Union Hill Baptist Church, who was cleared by the grand jury of any knowledge of the alleged infractions incidental to the marriage. Tucker was 16 at the time of his marriage. The application for the license stated that he was 21 and Mrs. Simpson 46.

SPENCER'S JUDICIARY CHOICE IS REJECTED

Washington, December 19.—After wrestling for several weeks with the question of selecting an additional judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, President Coolidge has decided to ask Senator Spencer, Republican, of that state, to recommend another candidate.

The decision is taken to indicate that the President has made up his mind against the appointment of Vital W. Garesche, heretofore actively supported by Senator Spencer. White House officials would not say today whether the other leading candidate, Granville Hogan, son-in-law of Mayor Henry Kiel of St. Louis has been eliminated.

Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.

Rinse the custard cups with cold water before pouring in the custard. They will be much easier to wash.

Miss Virginia Mathews is expected home from National Park Seminary, Washington D. C., tonight to spend the Christmas holidays.

PRINCIPAL ROLES IN PICTURE ARE EXPERTLY CAST

Assignment of leading roles in "To the Ladies", the newest James Cruze production under Paramount's banner, has brought together a quartet of tremendously popular players—Edward Horton, Theodore Roberts, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser.

Horton, recently characterized as "a not too handsome successor to Wallie Reed" in comedy, demonstrated in "Ruggles of Red Gap"—another Cruze triumph, by the way—that he can be appropriately termed one of the screen's most talented recent acquisitions. He has the part of Leonard Beebe in the new production.

Theodore Roberts needs no introduction or encomiums. His is the part of John Kincaid, president and general manager of the Kincaid Piano Factory—and Roberts' inevitable cigar, of which he consumes many in the picture, helps stamp him as the boss.

Helen Jerome Eddy, widely known as the Madonna of the screen, was chosen for the part of Elsie Beebe, Leonard's wife, because of her charming characterization of young matron roles.

Louise Dresser, like Horton, had a prominent role in "Ruggles of Red Gap", in which she appeared as Effie Flood. Her acting in that role so impressed James Cruze that he had assigned to her the part of Mrs. Kincaid, wife of the piano manufacturer.

The picture is an adaptation from the 3-act domestic farce by Marc Connelly and George S. Kaufman and will be shown at the Malone Theatre next Friday. It had a popular and protracted run when produced as a play in New York. Critics acclaimed it "an unexaggerated slice of life, generously sprinkled with laughs".

As screen material it has been pronounced by foremost motion picture technicians as possessing much greater possibilities than were present in staging it as a play.

Adaptation and continuity for the picture were handled by Walter Woods, production editor of the Cruze unit, who served in a similar capacity in connection with the filming of "Ruggles of Red Gap" and preceding pictures by this producer. Karl Brown, who enjoys the distinction of having photographed all of Cruze's recent successes, handled the photography likewise on the new picture.

The story revolves around a theme rather than a plot, and throughout there is stressed the truism that a man's attainment of high position in life is often due to his wife's efforts though he may not be conscious of it, or, even when he is aware of her endeavors, it does serve to diminish his ego.

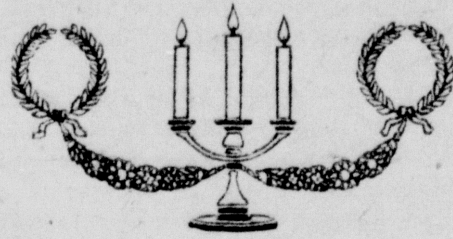
The story develops at the outset the fact that the Kincaid Piano Factory is the dominant industry of the city where it is located—a community representative of any and all places. If ever it could be truly said of a picture that it mirrors life, such a statement accurately describes this one. It reflects life as it is known to ninety-nine out of a hundred average Americans—the story of that vast army of human cogs in industry.

The factory owner asserts that "no man who depends on his wife in business affairs is fit for an executive position," overlooking the fact that he relies on his wife for a decision in important affairs connected with his business. Elsie Beeb's intuition prompts her to advise her husband, a clerk in the piano factory, to advertise his accomplishments, especially when he does anything worth-while. The job of manager is to be filled and three clerks, Beebe, a "yes man" and a third individual, are rivals for the place. How Beebe sets about letting the boss know how good he is provides humorous situations galore, culminating when he noses out the "yes man" with his wife's help after the rival clerk had beat him to it with a speech at a banquet. Both had memorized the same talk from a book of after-dinner remarks, and Beeb's wife saves the day for him by delivering an extemporaneous talk which proves the hit of the occasion. Meanwhile Beeb's wife discovers that Kincaid's wife is the real boss, and through her help they cinch the job for Elsie's husband. Others in the cast include J. Wall Covington, Arthur Hoyt and Zack Gardner.

While no specific plans have been agreed upon by the commissioners it was stated that the board has under consideration two plans for the betterment of present drainage facilities in that section, and incidentally drainage in the territory to the south of the proposed dam.

One would be the erection of the dam across Caney creek, to restrain the water in a huge pond there to prevent flooding of the big ditch into which the creek water empties and to prevent the ditch being filled with sediment. The other would be to enlarge the present dam and pond some three miles to the west of the proposed improvement.

Caney creek is one of the most turbulent streams in that section of the country, the farmers said, and during a heavy rain the current rushes down the creek at express-train speed. They contend that if the dam is erected at the point under consideration, backwater will inundate the valley, ruin the farm land for at least six miles and prevent growing of crops there at any time. The creek originates a short distance north of Benton and crosses Kings-highway two miles north of that place. There the creek is small, but



Christmas Morning

Christmas Eve had almost passed into history. Tom, Joe and little Mary had been tucked into their bed after numerous requests to sit up "just a little longer". Soon they were dreaming of great expectations of the morrow.

The fireside seemed the center of a thousand charms, for round it loving hearts would soon gather, but now the dying embers seemed to proclaim the end of the day. The hands of the clock approached the midnight hour, but we stayed, loath to part from the cordial air of hospitality that always prevades the home around Christmas.

The tree had been trimmed. Its top reached the ceiling, and tied to the highest twig a diminutive Santa Claus, with his round, jovial face nodding a friendly greeting. Strings of white and red popcorn were twined around green branches. There were shining balls of various sizes, and rosettes of tinsel glittered here and there. At the foot a big package of fleecy cotton had been made into uneven mounds and upon these, imitation snow glistened under the soft light of many candles. The presents were scattered around, some partly hidden by the lower branches of the tree, others plainly in evidence.

The baseball bat and catcher's mit for Tom, the rocking horse for Joe, and the big doll, with dreamy eyes, for Mary.

Hark! The clock in the distant tower is striking the midnight hour—now it is Christmas morn, and as we turn to put out the candles, we think of all the light that the twinkling Christmas star typified—the Light of the World, shining over the plains of Bethlehem, where nineteen hundred and twenty-three years ago, the wise men and watchful shepherds saw this strange star in the east, heralding the coming of a Man-child, born in poverty and humble obscurity in an out-of-the-way village, the one destined to carry the glad message to every corner of the world: "Peace on earth, good will toward men". He it was, who never lost faith in mankind, and accomplished more than kings, philosophers and sages.

The whole air of the first Christmas-tide was tremulous with joy. It was a time for holy song. Let this joy be in our homes and hearts and it will ever give brightness and beauty, gladness and glory, to life and duty.

I trust that no little child of Skeston or vicinity will fail to receive a visit from Santa Claus this Christmas, also that those who may happen to be sick may receive words of cheer and comfort.

Whereas, Tuesday, December 25, 1923, is Christmas day and it is fitting and proper that Christian people everywhere should hallow this day by appropriate notice thereof.

I therefore, request that all the merchants of the City of Skeston close their places of business during the entire day, and that our people devote the day to general enjoyment to which the day is entitled and to Divine Reverence.

In the whirl of business we should stop long enough at this time to elevate our thoughts to the true spirit of the Christmas-tide—that spirit of good will and kindness toward all—so that we may thoroughly enjoy its peace and blessings.

The universal joy of Christmas is wonderful. You cannot cut Christmas out of memory's calendar, nor blot its gladness from your heart.

The last cycle of 1923 is fast fading into history. The new year will soon be upon us, with new duties, new conflicts, new opportunities. Let us resolve now that 1924 is going to be a happy, progressive year for all of us, full of good cheer and genuine helpfulness and with a kind thought for everyone.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Cordially,

C. E. FELKER,
Mayor.

Some Christmas Money For Good Cooks in Skeston

To encourage a trial of Juanita Baking Powder, on Saturday, December 22, we will award the following prizes:

For The Best Cake Made With Any Brand of Our Flour and Juanita Baking Powder	For The Best Biscuits Made With Any Brand of Our Flour and Juanita Baking Powder
1st prize\$10.00	1st prize\$5.00
2nd prize5.00	2nd prize4.00
3rd prize4.00	3rd prize3.00
4th prize3.00	4th prize2.00
5th prize2.00	5th prize1.00
6th prize1.00	

Anyone living in Skeston or vicinity can enter this contest. You can enter as many different items as desired, but they must be made with some brand of our flour and JUANITA Baking Powder.

Deliver your entries to us Friday afternoon, December 21, or Saturday morning, December 22, before 10 o'clock.

Entries will be judged immediately and prizes awarded Saturday the 22nd at 3:00 p. m. Your cake entries will be returned to you if desired, after 6 p. m. Saturday, December 22. Winning items and other entries will be exhibited in the lobby of our office building, Saturday afternoon, December 22. All persons having entries in the contest are requested to be present between 3 and 6 p. m. Saturday during presentation of awards.

Please furnish the recipe you use in preparing your entry, to be printed in our new Cook Book.

The Judges will be Miss Isabel Hess, Home Economics Department, Skeston High School, Miss Lilly Brucher, Home Economics Department State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, Miss Hazel Evans of our own Home Economics Department.

Deliver your entries to Mr. Jesse Layton, at our office, before 10:00 A. M. Saturday. He will register your name and issue a number to be attached to your entry. None of the judges will know who makes any of the items entered.

Refreshment will be served between 3 and 6 p. m.

All are cordially invited to call Saturday and see what delicious things can be made with our products.

The Scott County Milling Company

FARMERS MAKE KICK AGAINST LITTLE RIVER'S DAM SCHEME

Twenty-five farmers living in the vicinity of Oran and Benton appeared before the Board of Commissioners of the Little River Drainage District Monday afternoon to protest the proposed erection of a dam across Caney creek, three miles northeast of Oran. They told the commissioners that, in their opinion, the erection of the dam would make approximately 3000 acres of land bordering on Caney creek unfit for use. This land, they said, is worth considerably more than \$100 per acre and in their opinion is the best farming land in that section of the county.

While no specific plans have been agreed upon by the commissioners it was stated that the board has under consideration two plans for the betterment of present drainage facilities in that section, and incidentally drainage in the territory to the south of the proposed dam.

One would be the erection of the dam across Caney creek, to restrain the water in a huge pond there to prevent flooding of the big ditch into which the creek water empties and to prevent the ditch being filled with sediment. The other would be to enlarge the present dam and pond some three miles to the west of the proposed improvement.

Caney creek is one of the most turbulent streams in that section of the country, the farmers said, and during a heavy rain the current rushes down the creek at express-train speed. They contend that if the dam is erected at the point under consideration, backwater will inundate the valley, ruin the farm land for at least six miles and prevent growing of crops there at any time. The creek originates a short distance north of Benton and crosses Kings-highway two miles north of that place. There the creek is small, but

increases in size until the point where the proposed dam will be erected it is several dozen feet in width.

B. F. Burns, secretary of the Little River Drainage District, said that the dam under the present plans will not be over 25 feet high, that spillways will be arranged and tunnels will be maintained to give a steady outlet of water from the pond at all times. This, he said, will prevent any great amount of water backing up on the farms nearby, and also prevent overflow of water in the principal channel and the filling of the ditch with sediment. Caney creek, the secretary explained, carries a great amount of clay and sediment from the hills and is rapidly filling the channel, making a change necessary.

W. H. Heisserer, merchant and banker at Benton and a landowner in the Caney creek community, acted as spokesman for the farmers. He declared that not one of them wished to sell their land there, that they had lived there all their lives and "hated like hell to leave". This reply was made to a statement that the district considered buying all land which would be affected by the proposed dam.

The erection of the dam or the increasing in size of the present dam, is a part of the improvement program for the drainage district which is expected to cost approximately \$3,000,000 and which was decided on at a meeting at Morehouse recently. The dam, under the present plans, would prevent overflow of the land south of the proposed site, engineers say.—Cape Missourian.

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Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
137th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 15, 1924 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

Slight Change in Electric Bill Paying Period

On and after December 25th our regular monthly bills will be rendered earlier, so that our customers should receive them about the 26th of the month.

The customary ten day period after date of bill will be allowed within which the regular cash discount will be given. This will bring the last discount day on or about the 5th of the following month.

To save time please bring your card with you when you pay your bills.

Union Elec. Light & Power Co.
S. E. MISSOURI DIVISION

WALL REMOVED AND TUTANKHAMEN'S GOLDEN SHRINE FULLY EXPOSED

Luxor, Egypt, December 17.—All preconceived ideas of Tutankhamen's golden shrine were upset by the impressive sight for the first time disclosed by the removal of the partition wall, when the correspondent visited the tomb this morning.

The first impression of this gigantic receptacle for the dead, its sides resplendent with decorations of blue and gold, set against a background of brightly-colored paintings on yellow, was almost overwhelming. The feeling was of something incredible, bizarre, something that seems utterly to banish the presence of death in this casket of wonderful artistry.

One of the first details to catch the eye was the fact that the golden lid of the canopy does not, as one imagined, from the view obtained from the opening in the wall, slope down from one end to the other. It rises again at the other end, giving a graceful curved effect which is declared by competent authority to be unique in Egyptology. The lid is not solid but hollowed out, roofing over a space of about four feet between the first and second shrines.

In this space the correspondent was able to see—for the doors of the first shrine had been removed—a remarkable species of wooden rack or scaffolding, erected to carry the immense golden spangled linen pall resting over the second shrine. It is very like open wooden cage work and is painted a glistening black, with heavily gilded carved feet. In the front, where the removal of the doors of the first shrine renders it clearly visible, it is seen to be made of two parts, rather awkwardly bolted together with large bolts, probably wooden. From the top hangs the ragged edge of the pall, turned blackish brown from age, showing where the part which concealed the doors of the second shrine had broken away. This part of the pall, except for a small piece crumbling on the ground, has already been removed to the nearby laboratory.

The golden rosettes, about the size of a half dollar, with which the pall is abundantly spangled, still sparkle in the rays of the powerful lights used by the excavators. These rosettes are certainly metal, but probably not gold—more likely gilded copper. Behind the rack the golden doors of the second shrine glisten dully, two bolts, one above and one below, yet sternly guarding the secret tomb. In the middle, set in either batten of the doors, are two metal rings, let into the wood side by side, to which were attached seals, which Howard Carter, directing the excavating work had previously removed. The doors are engraved with exquisitely chiseled figures of goddesses in the attitude of prayer, while above them is the projecting golden lintel of the second shrine, which is about seven feet high.

What impresses one more than anything else in the intriguing, festive air of this resplendent sepulchre, are the interior decorations of the wall of the shrine. These are chiefly golden, inscribed with endless lines of hieroglyphics, with figures of birds, flowers and animals, set in a triple frame of broad, black lines. This contrast of deep black and old gold recalls the art of old China or the decorative effect achieved by modern designers in boudoirs, with golden ceilings and black walls.

The influx of Christmas visitors, to the tomb of Tutankhamen has begun, and a program of festivities has been arranged for the Christmastide. A number of sporting events have been planned, including a tennis tournament. It also has been proposed to establish the Tutankhamen stakes at the first donkey gymkhana of the season, on December 27.

An alabaster vase removed from the Pharaoh's tomb yesterday bears four exquisitely carved figures.

Just a Minute In Washington

Washington, D. C.—When George III ruled over the American colonies across more than 2000 miles of water, the people in New England did not feel stranger than to have Massachusetts rule all the rest of us over as much as 3000 miles of land or more in some instance makes people in most of the United States feel today. Yet George in his powdered hair, his red velvet breeches and the gorgeous great coat of royalty no more truly wielded the scepter over the colonies than with Mr. Coolidge as Speaker and Senator Lodge as majority leader in the upper house of Congress the tight little Bay State wields it over the rest of this big country today.

Washington is a great place for maps. They may be said to take the place of pictures on public walls. Where we have in our Missouri Capitol, the most beautiful murals in America, having the savor of old things and revealing the very calm and music of our Missouri souls, they have here in the national capital chiefly maps showing what a mighty country is ours, how far-flung is our empire and by what seas begirt.

It fills one with odd misgivings to stand before one of these maps and recall that we have only government by Massachusetts, that nobody in the great Mississippi Valley has anything to do with it—nobody in the plains—nobody in the mountains—nobody in the vast Southwest—nobody in the South—nobody upon the Pacific slope—nobody in New York even—only these people in Massachusetts—so far away—so small—such a wee tail to wag so big a dog—so out of it in every way, which after all is the way that counts!

It gives maps the first usefulness they ever had in Washington. You can see people standing in front of these maps and thinking, probably as rare a spectacle as Washington has ever presented. They are thinking that there must be something wrong if all the rest of the country has no more to do with the Government than this.

"It is enough to make us wonder if Massachusetts is having a political renaissance and is to project a second great wave of freedom over the country," said a Congressman who feels keenly this one-sided power.

"Maybe the rest of the country has exhausted itself with all sorts of eccentric ideas and only Massachusetts, which has never had any ideas at all, remains to command," we suggested.

"It is likely," he agreed. "Lord, what a curious lot of ideas the rest of the country has had from time to time, and what a steadfast and unstampeded lot they do seem out here in Massachusetts by comparison with almost everyone else!"

It is so, of course. Let us compare two characteristic individuals—President Coolidge of Massachusetts and William Allen White of Kansas. Mr. White said in a New York speech recently that people in the East talk like morons. He likes to think of that section of the country as a region against which the dregs ought to march for the purpose of ramming the eighteenth amendment down their throats.

That is intemperance. There is nothing of that sort about Mr. Coolidge. If you heard him on the radio when he read his message to Congress you will recall that he was always temperate. He has the even tenor of his way, and from that he departs not. He showed this quality again at the Gridiron dinner, and no doubt we shall have ample opportunity to observe how different the President is from most people in the country—how much better he has himself in hand and how consistently temperate he is.

Have we at last turned to the quarter where America still has her shirt on, or has a beneficent Providence



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Gifts that are Practical

A glance at a group of Westinghouse Electrical Appliances will solve your Christmas problem of "What shall I buy?" There's an ideal gift for every member of your family, for mother, dad, sister and brother. Gifts of

convenience and comfort—Gifts that give pleasure every day in the year—Gifts that save steps and lighten the wearisome household duties—Gifts that make cooking so simple and easy. Useful, practical and convenient.

We have just what you are looking for—come in now and let us show you our Westinghouse display.

Union Electric Light and Power Co.

Sikeston, Missouri



L. C. Malone, who has been confined to his home for several days from illness, is about the streets again, looking about as good as new.

While the cold November winds were blowing, the manufacturers of percales, cotton prints and shirtings had their minds on the warm days of spring and summer when light clothing will again be comfortable as well as modish. That is to say, these manufacturers increased the prices on cloths to be sold for the next warm season. The advance in the case of percales is half a cent a yard for the light-ground goods and three-quarters of a cent more for the dark-ground fabrics. Prints were increased half a cent a yard. Shirtings were advanced about 1 1/4 cents a yard. These increases are in addition to the advances made early in November.

Cairo School Test Dropped

Cairo, Ill., December 19.—The mental test of Cairo public school students, which was to have been started today or Thursday by the State Department of Public Welfare on completion of the survey in the county, has been prohibited, at least temporarily, by the Board of Education. President Reed Green of the Board stated today that from the information furnished it did not feel that the results would be justifiable or that the method of conducting the test would be fair to the children.

The test had been recommended by school officials, it is said, and was endorsed by the Kiwanis Club after the matter had been explained by Dr. Herman Adler, criminologist, of the State Department of Public Welfare, whose assistants are completing a survey of the county school districts. Dr. Adler, who is now in Chicago, stated on his arrival here that Alexander County had been chosen for the initial survey because of its work in exterminating trachoma and the activities of the Kiwanis clinic for children, both of which had familiarized the public with general health movements. The survey is to be made throughout the State under a law passed by the last Legislature.

HOLIDAY CANDIES!

Special Orders Taken for Christmas Candies in Holiday Boxes

Mrs. Willard Russell
581-Phones--907 F4



A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help solve your Christmas buying.

For Mother, Daughter

Shoes
Gloves
Hose
Handkerchiefs
Bed Room Slippers



For Father and Son

Shoes, Sox
Ties, Gloves
Fur Caps
Handbags
Handkerchiefs

FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls Handkerchiefs House Slippers Red Top Boots

Don't Forget the Big Shoe Factory Dance, Friday Eve, December 21

Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. H. A. Gentry Dies

Mrs. H. A. Gentry, aged 31 years, died at her home on North Handy street, Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 of tuberculosis. She had been in poor health for a long time and for the past 3 months had been very ill. She was the wife of H. A. Gentry, who operates a truck in this city, and leaves besides her husband, two children to mourn her loss. The funeral was held from the residence at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Brite officiating, after which the body was laid away in the City Cemetery. She was a good woman and highly respected by her neighbors and friends. The Standard sympathizes with the husband and children in their loss.

Mrs. Green Lescher will give a solo at the evening service at the Methodist church Sunday evening, entitled "Immanuel" by Bachau.

This is the first Christmas in ten years when many families were not in need of help. Plenty of work for everyone has made the town people independent of charity.

Harry C. Blanton has moved his law office from the Scott County Mill Co. Building to the Peoples Bank Building. The change was made in order to secure larger quarters.

VON KAHN ISSUES WARNING AGAINST NEW REVOLT

Berlin, December 19.—Dictator von Kahr of Bavaria and Gen. von Lossow, commander of the Bavarian Reichswehr, proclaimed jointly last night that they are taking all precautions against a reported new putsch in their state.

Rumors of such an uprising seem to have been based on several articles in the reactionary press, demanding a change in the Bavarian government. Reactionaries have complained that Kahr is ultra-cautious and inclined to friendship with Berlin "parliamentarianism."

Earlier in the day the dictator issued a warning that all participants in a revolt against the state would face the death sentence. Dispatches from Munich discount the possibility of repetition of the Ludendorff-Hitler beer revolt. It is believed Von Kahr is seeking to down his enemies by classing them with the ludicrous putschists of last month.

J. S. Hubbard, executive secretary of the Missouri Press Association, with headquarters at Columbia, Mo., was a Sikeston visitor Saturday and Monday, and, of course, visited with The Standard force.

Card of Thanks

Wm. Pate and Earl Pate gratefully acknowledge the kind expressions of sympathy in their late bereavement in the death of their wife and mother.

By Wallace Bassford



for Dancing

Bright Moon—Waltz
Hawaiian Nights—Waltz
Ferreira and Franchini

Mamma Goes Where Papa Goes—Fox Trot
Mean Blues—Fox Trot
David H. Silverman and His Orchestra

Wonder If She's Lonely Too—Fox Trot
Charles Dornberger and His Orchestra

I Never Had a Mammy—Fox Trot
The Manhattan Merry-makers

DERRIS, The Druggist

New Victor Records Once a Week Every Week Friday

"COLD IN THE HEAD"
is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. These subjects to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the System and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous surfaces of the System, thus reducing the inflammation and assisting Nature in restoring normal conditions. All Druggists. Circulars free. E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Shooting Match

At Tanner Switch on Monday, December 24th, rain or shine. Turkeys, chickens, pigs, etc.

EVERETT HARBISON
CLYDE FRYE

A Christmas tree will be had at Crowder to which the entire community will join. The Crowder Store Co. donated bags of goodies for those attending.

Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.

The U. D. C. held their regular meeting last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs with Miss Tadie Watkins and Mrs. Ruskin Cook as hostesses. Ten members were present. It was voted to donate \$6.50 to the Near East Relief. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. L. Tanner, January 12, with Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner as hostesses.

THE FRICTION BETWEEN TOWN AND COUNTRY

"Is prejudice of farmers as great against the business men of the towns as it was some years ago?" This question was recently put to a leading official of the Missouri Farmers' Association, and his answer was as follows: "I don't think so, but it varies in different communities. Farmers don't as prima facie proposition have anything against the town business men, except where they get the notion that they are 'holding them up' and often there is a good deal of cause for this impression. Only recently we financed a new Produce Exchange in south central Missouri and the moment the feed dealers realized that it was a go, they reduced the price of bran and shorts 50 per cent per cwt. and made a corresponding cut in the price of flour—and nothing could have more conclusively convinced the farmers of that community that they acted wisely in financing their Exchange."

Several years back the merchants in many towns dreaded the coming of the M. F. A. for they believed it was our intention to go into the general merchandising business. As they learned, however, that we merely handle flour, fertilizer, binder twine, oils, etc., and that our Produce Exchanges force up the price on eggs, poultry and cream, often the regular merchants have openly welcomed us because a good market on produce draws and holds the farmer trade. Generally speaking, the town bankers and merchants are beginning to realize that the time has come when farmers must organize—when this is the only means, as President Coolidge said in his message to Congress the other day, by which they can protect their prices against the prices established by organized industry and labor. But whether the towns and cities welcome or oppose farmer organization will make little difference in the end, for unquestionably we stand on the threshold of the great farm organization movement in the history of the Nation—and if the leadership of this new movement remains wholesome, if it steers clear of politics and other forms of radicalism, then it will prove an untold blessing not merely to Agriculture but to the business men and workingmen of the whole Country. And I say this because a prosperous Agriculture means prosperity for everybody else."

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some doll clothes for my walking and talking doll and I would like a little doll house, and a little bathroom set, if you please.

From
HENRIETTA MOORE

My Dearest Santa:

I want you to come to my house and bring me a new dress, pair of slippers, a lot of candy and nuts, a pair of kid gloves too. I will be good as I can if you will bring those things to me. Please come, will you?

Your Friend

ANNA LIEVERS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a little air rifle, some candy, a train and a bicycle. Be sure and come, and bring me a box of fire crackers. Be sure and don't forget my teacher. I live on Kingshighway.

Your friend

HARLEY LIEVERS.

Los Angeles

Dear Santa:

Please bring samples of all kinds of rings so the young man next door can select what I'd like. (Oh get ahead of the two Helens and Irene yet).

VERA WALPOLE.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:

Please bring me a dicky-bird in a cage.

ELIZABETH WELCH

Dear Santa:

I am past 23, safe and sane and like 'em old, like 'em young or like 'em mushy. Send 'em my way and I'll teach 'em all I know.

C. L. B. Jr.

Osceola, Ark.

Dearest Santa:

If I had an airplane—do you know what I'd do?

Why I'd go up to Sikeston every week or two

The long miles from here drive me most to distraction

For that town has for me the greatest attraction

A "coup" can come down the highway if the roads are right fair

But bring me an airplane and I'll take the air.

MYRTLE YORK

Dear St. Nicholas

Please send Catherine Blanton a telegram calling her back to school at once.

FRANCOISE BLACK

Santa Claus:

You have neglected me for the past few years—Please bring me "Moore" this year.

BILLIE SMITH.

New Madrid

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a real Smart present for a girl.

"BEDE" STEPP.

Dear Santa:

Please give me the U. S. Navy so I can grant Xmas furloughs.

LILLIAN KENDALL.

Dear Santa:

Don't bring me a doctor cause he might be a quack

Don't bring me a fellow I'd likely send back,

Many a beau proves to be just a faker

But I wouldn't mind if you bring me a Baker.

ADDIE DOVER.

Mayfield Inquiry In January

Washington, December 19.—A subcommittee of five to investigate charges of excessive election expenditures filed against Senator Mayfield, Democrat, Texas, by his opponent, George F. B. Peddy of Houston, was appointed today by the Senate Elections Committee. The inquiry will begin after the holidays and after the Senate has approved a resolution authorizing the investigation. Chairman Spencer said he would present this resolution and that it would follow the form in the Newberry case and would make no reference to the Ku Klux Klan. On the subcommittee are Senators Spencer, Ernst, Kentucky, and Greene, Vermont, Republicans, and King, Utah, and Neely, West Virginia, Democrats.

Shower For Mrs. Ruskin Cook

On Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner, Mrs. Joe Stubbs, Mrs. Marvin McMullin, Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Mrs. Clay Stubbs, Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner gave a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Cook. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by the bride, who was formerly Miss Hazel Stubbs.

Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.

A cigarette is frowned upon on the campus of Barnard, Hunter and Adelphi colleges.

The Hardwick Mercantile Store at Bertrand has been entered several times of late and articles stolen, so Robert Langford, a clerk in the store, concluded to sleep in the store room and attempt to catch the thief if another attempt was made to burglarize the place. Sometime Wednesday night Mr. Langford heard someone at the front door, got his automatic revolver and proceeded to investigate. Someone was using an anger to cut out the panel of the door, so Langford shot three times through the glass and panel and noted that the party fell to the ground. He used the telephone to call help, but when they arrived no trace of a body was found. It is believed the man was hit and confederates carried him away. S. B. Hardwick of Sikeston, who owns the Bertrand store, was called early in the morning and went to Bertrand to assist in locating some wounded man. He phoned that it was believed the burglaries would be cleared up by the arrest of a wounded man.

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LOST—Tire, rim and cover from a Packard car between Charleston and Sikeston.—Taylor Auto Co.

Trustee's Sale

WHEREAS, Fred M. Mirly, single and unmarried, by his certain Deed of Trust dated the first day of July, 1917 and recorded in the Recorder's office of Scott County, at Deed Book 37 pages 171-2-3 conveyed to Louis Breiling and the St. Louis Union Trust Company all his right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, viz:

All of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄) Section Eleven (Sec. 11), Township Twenty-Eight North (Twp. 28 N.), Range Fourteen East (14E.) containing, according to Government Survey One Hundred and Sixty acres (160 A.) more or less.

And, whereas, said deed of trust provided that in case the said Louis Breiling and The St. Louis Union Trust Company refused to act as trustees if foreclosure became necessary, that the undersigned Sheriff of Scott County Missouri should succeed to all their rights as such trustees and should act as substitute trustee.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note in said deed described, and the performance of certain stipulated conditions therein contained, and whereas the said note has become due and unpaid, and whereas the stipulated conditions have been breached, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I will proceed to sell the above described Real Estate at door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in the County of Scott, State aforesaid, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on **SATURDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1929**, between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said note, together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.

WILLIAM KIRKENDALL,
Sheriff of Scott County,
Acting Trustee.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1928

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made for more than six months in payment of dues and interest secured by note described in the deed of trust executed by Fred P. Howden and his wife, Eleanor Howden, dated February Twenty-third, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three, and recorded on the second day of March, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in book number 45 at page number 24, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lots numbered Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) in Block number Thirty-one (31) of McCoy and Tanner's Sixth Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1928 between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. of said day, sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Postoffice in the town or city of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

LEE B. EWING,

Trustee.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made for more than six months in payment of dues and interest secured by note described in the deed of trust executed by F. H. Briggs and his wife, Lola Briggs, dated August Nineteenth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Two, and recorded on the Twenty-Sixth day of September, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Two, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45 at Page number 18, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon, in the

County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lots numbered Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), and Sixteen (16) feet off the West side of lot number Thirteen (13), all in Block number Forty-Four (44) of McCoy and Tanner's Eighth Addition to the city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1928

between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. of said day, sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Postoffice in the town or city of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

LEE B. EWING,

Trustee.

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Fred P. Howden and his wife, Eleanor Howden, dated February Twenty-third, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three, and recorded on the second day of March, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in book number 45 at page number 23, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Block number Nine (9) in McCoy and Tanner's Second Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust, having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

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Model 57 Cadillac Touring

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Only driven 1100 miles

**Cash, Terms or
Trade**

Taylor Automobile Co.

The Greater Movie Season

NOW IS THE TIME TO REVISE
YOUR SCREEN OPINIONS

Change, change, change, that is the law of progress! What's fixed is dead and the movies move.

Within the heart of every energetic man and woman in the motion picture industry is the passionate wish to make a photoplay that will fire the imagination of whole nations with its glory.

Can anything, tawdry, dirty, flashy or cheap do this? Of course not and they know it.

The motion picture people know today, as surely as the Church of God knows, that the greatest theme is the theme of Man and Woman dramatically fighting shoulder to shoulder to get above the earthliness of the earth.

We know our feet are in the mud, but our eyes are on the stars!

Anything that drags us down will soon quit paying its producers because that's not the way we aim to go!

Motion pictures are on the right track today.

See them and they will give you a new idea of the punch of real entertainment.

THE GREATER MOVIE SEASON IS
HERE: PROVE IT BY GOING!

O. W. MCUTCHEON.

Specials Specials Specials

Lots of 'em at Peek's Variety Store

**BETTER XMAS CANDY
FOR LESS**

Do not run all over town; come to Peek's and get presents for the whole family.

Peek's Variety Store

218 N. New Madrid St.



*An abundance of happiness
on Christmas Day is the hearty
wts of*

George J. Arnold, County Treasurer

Announcement

**GET THE BEST MONEY CAN BUY
FOR YOUR CAR--IT DESERVES IT**

Do you want a gas that is volatile, burns clean to the last Prop, has the pep and kick, and above all, *Gives You More Miles to the Gallon*—then

Try Texaco

Mr. Bomer, who runs the Sikeston-Charleston Bus every day, says: "After giving TEXACO a fair trial, I find that I get more mileage out of Texaco gasoline, and thorough satisfaction." This can be verified and many other such cases can be found.

**Get Texaco Gas and Oils at Louis C.
Erdmann's Garage and Try
It Yourself**

A souvenir will be given to every customer on Saturday, December 22d, purchasing Texaco at Mr. Erdmann's Garage.

BE SURE AND COME

Simpson Oil Co.

Distributors for The Texas Co.

NOTICE!

We have moved to our new home

One Door West of Bakery Shop

in the building formerly occupied by Johnson & Johnson, where we will be better prepared than ever to give our customers

Expert Shoe Repairing

ELI ABLES

FOR RENT—One furnished room—723 North Ranney, St.

Gifts a Girl Will Like



On a new-style ribbon sash, lotus blossoms and waves are applied, of narrow metal-edged ribbon in two colors, and a collar of yellow organdie, edged with lace, is gayly embroidered with red daisies of silk floss.

Farm Types Change

Although types of farming in the United States are more or less fixed by necessary adaption to conditions of soil, climate, and markets, they are always undergoing minor changes, and the last few years, with the unprecedented disturbances in commodity prices and in production and transportation costs, have brought about an unusual number of readjustments. The United States Department of Agriculture has obtained reports on crop changes in many States, which give some idea of the shake-up in agriculture.

Eastern farmers, with a high freight rate differential in their favor, are considering whether they cannot produce some of the feed which they now buy. In the South the inroads of the boll weevil have compelled some farmers to turn from specialization in cotton to other crops. Flax has been successfully substituted for wheat in a small portion of the spring wheat region.

For many farmers flax is a highly attractive crop as a substitute for part of their wheat. This was demonstrated by the cash returns from the 1922 crops, which were high for flax and low for wheat. As a result, flax acreage this year was increased to 2,306,000 acres from 1,300,000 acres in 1922. The present flax acreage is the largest since 1913. Yet home production will probably not supply half the home demand. We have imported flax every year since 1909. Under the present tariff of 40 cents a bushel, it is likely flax acreage will increase still more.

There has been a big increase in the number of sheep in the United States in the last two years, under the stimulus of tariff protection and an active demand for wool. Two-thirds of our sheep are raised on the range and one-third on the farms. Many farmers who already have sheep can no doubt increase their flocks with profit, say livestock experts in the Department of Agriculture. Others, it is said, could profitably add sheep to the live stock enterprise.

In the last year the farm price of sheep has risen from \$4.80 to \$7.50 a head; the farm price of wool has increased from an average of 29 cents

a pound in 1922 to 38 cents in the present year. These advances have been a boon to many farmers whose major crops have not brought good prices. Further expansion of the sheep industry probably would be profitable.

Farmers in the semi-arid regions, especially in western North Dakota and eastern Montana, are finding that it pays them to grow corn on land which they have been accustomed to summer-fallow. With only a small additional amount of labor required for planting and cultivating, they are growing a feed crop which helps them to broaden their livestock production. Experts of the Department of Agriculture say that farmers in these areas who have enough livestock should plant as much corn as they can conveniently handle.

If the present price of corn continues, it is believed it will be profitable to increase the corn acreage in most of the corn belt. In 1922 the spread in Ohio between the value of an acre of corn and that of an acre of wheat was wider than any year since 1913. An acre of corn in Ohio this year promises to be worth nearly twice as much as an acre of wheat or oats. In Chester County, Pennsylvania, the average value of an acre of corn giving the normal yield of 65 bushels at 70 cents would be \$45, while the value of an acre of wheat yielding 25 bushels at 85 cents would be only \$21. While this relation exists farmers naturally have a strong motive to reduce their wheat acreage and keep their corn acreage up to the highest point consistent with a balanced labor program and the maintenance of soil fertility.

Wheat acreage has been cut down throughout the country since 1919 except in parts of the Northwest States which are practically a one-crop area. The location and size in this one-crop territory often prevent any fundamental change in the type of farming. Yet farmers are introducing milk cows on their farms, or increasing the number already owned. Some have been successful with hogs and poultry. A combination of wheat, corn and livestock has been tried on some farms with good results.

Farming conditions are more hazardous in the Montana triangle than in any other part of the spring-wheat

area. Many of the 'dry' farms in the territory have been abandoned. Some of the farmers who have stayed are trying mixed farming. Government experts believe there are prospects of success in some localities.

Farmers in some parts of the country are overlooking opportunities to make money, in the opinion of department experts. Investigators who recently studied conditions around Alameda, Pa., found that the city shipped in 92 per cent of all the potatoes consumed in 1922. Blair County, in which the city is located, is a good potato-growing area. Farmers there might increase their production greatly and still have the advantage of a first-class local market. Most of the Blair County farmers are dairymen. Probably dairying is on the whole a more profitable occupation for them than potato growing. Since, however, potatoes can apparently be shipped in from distant States at a profit and since a few more acres of potatoes could be grown on many Blair County farms without limiting the extent of profitability of dairying, there should be money in increased local production.

In the Yakima Valley, Washington, potato growers are working on plans to prevent a repetition of losses suffered in the last few years from lack of a readily accessible market. Probably the Yakima Valley produces larger yields of potatoes of the highest grade than any other area in the country. The Yakima reclamation project in 1922 produced an average of 260 bushels an acre on the 8442 acres harvested. Yet the growers lost money, and a large part of the crop had to be dumped back on the fields.

To reduce such losses in the future, new plans for marketing the choicest grade of potatoes are under consideration. It is proposed to grade and sort the potatoes, wrap each one in paper, and pack them in small boxes for shipment by the Panama Canal to eastern markets. Potatoes thus packed, it is figured, could be laid down in New York at a cost for transportation of \$1.25 a hundred pounds, and would command premium prices. High rail rates have shut out Yakima potatoes from some formerly profitable markets, and a way to overcome this handicap is urgently required.

That farmers are constantly on the alert to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise is typically illustrated by the development of dairying around New York City. Growth of the urban population and improved methods of handling and shipping milk have steadily widened the field of distribution. This is shown by the fact that from 1880 to 1920 the number of cows on farms in counties nearest the city increased 50 per cent, while the number on farms from 20 to 225 miles away more than doubled.

Fluid milk sold from the farms nearest the city doubled in quantity from 1880 to 1920, and quadrupled in the case of the farm furthest away. Counties nearest the city reached their maximum dairy production by 1900. Those situated more than 150 miles away made a gain of practically one-third between 1900 and 1920. Similar extensions of dairying areas have been made, though to a lesser degree, around other large cities.

Another example of wholesale readjustment in farming policies due to a changed condition is furnished by the country along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, where climate conditions make the fight against the boll weevil exceptionally hard. Cotton acreage in parts of this region has been cut 50 per cent. Farmers are

turning to the production of farm maintenance crops, velvet beans, peanuts, other forage crops, and pasture for the extension of hog raising, beef production and dairying. In some localities sugar cane for sirup, sweet potatoes, watermelons, and other truck crops are receiving increased attention.

Readjustments now taking place in agriculture, say officials of the department, draw attention to a fact sometimes forgotten, namely, that changes are always going on in the basic conditions of farming due to the growth and distribution of population, the rise or fall of wages and prices, the heightened or lessened cost of transportation, crop pests and diseases, and other influences. Wide-awake farmers and quick to note these changes and modify their production policies accordingly. Farming today is more uncertain than it has been for many years. It is undergoing more necessary readjustments. Farmers who study the situation, and alter their plans to suit the circumstances, will be the first to cut their losses on crops that for any reason have become unprofitable, and the first to get their farms back on a paying basis.—Farm Bureau News.

For the Christmas Tree



Here are some new, homemade ornaments for the Christmas tree. They include a gay painted parakeet, with a peanut body, fastened to a wooden standard by wire. Crepe paper in bright colors, makes his crest, wings and tail. A wooden skewer, with a paper doll face fastened at one end and a sleigh bell at the other, is dressed up in strips of bright crepe paper. Mosquito netting, yarn and a paper face make the boy with stick candy in his arms and legs and small candies in his body. Colored gum drops fastened on small wire make tiny bouquets and plants.

NEWTON INTRODUCES \$73,000,000 RIVER BILL

Washington, December 17.—Expenditure of \$73,000,000 in making navigable channels in the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers is asked in a bill introduced today by Representative Newton (Rep.), Missouri.

It provides for channels in the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill.; in the Mississippi from Minneapolis to the mouth of the Ohio, and in the Missouri from its mouth to the upper end of Qundaro bend.

To Regain Federal Jobs

Washington, December 17.—Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, abandoned today his intention to call up in the Senate a resolution demanding an investigation of the dismissal of 28 employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing declaring he had been assured by Republican leaders that Secretary Mellon would exonerate the men and gradually restore them to their jobs. The men were dismissed by executive order more than a year ago.

The Standard \$1.50 per year.

Notes About Women

One of the most successful bond sellers in the country is a woman, Mrs. Ora M. Ferguson of Louisville, Ky.

Management of dairies and small country estates offers new and inviting occupation for Swedish women.

A number of prominent women in Wuchow, China, are taking steps to organize a women's daily newspaper. Rosamond Pinchot, niece of Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania, has been selected to play an important role in a stage production.

Mme. Amelie Basso, artist and war heroine, has been appointed by Mussolini to have full charge of the Fascist women of Italy.

Miss Phyllis Kumlir of Oakwood, O., has been admitted as the first woman member of the National Aeronautical Association.

The Government of Panama has refused to act favorably on a proposal that women be allowed to participate in the 1924 presidential elections. Since her marriage Hope Hampton, movie star, has come to the conclusion that she can appear to a better advantage in spoken drama.

About one-third of the miners in India are women.

The Standard \$1.50 per year.

Missouri people have spent more money, to better advantage, than any other state in the successful drainage reclamation of fertile agricultural land, a hint to Uncle Sam.

Beauty is so much despised in British Guiana that if a young girl shows any promise of looks she is relieved of such an unfortunate acquisition by a hideous scar which is branded on her mouth and cheeks by some male relative.

WHAT FINER GIFT Than a Nice Musical Instrument?

A New Edison for instance in the dull brown mahogany cases in which they are now being made—is an addition to the home that may be enjoyed by every member of the family every day in the year. A home these days without music is almost as bad as a home without magazines or good books. We sell Edison's on weekly or monthly payments that are easy to meet.

Perhaps you prefer a Gulbransen Player Piano. This is truly a wonder instrument. With a Gulbransen you may register your own ideas of expression perfectly. They are sold in every state at the same price and those prices are BURNED into the back of each instrument. We carry two models—one at \$420.00 and the other at \$495.00. Business-like terms are also granted on Gulbransens.

See samples of our lines at Hardwicks Variety Store in Skeston.

The Lair Company

Give One For Christmas

The Tudor Sedan is a gift every member of the family will share. It adds to daily happiness. It will extend the joyous spirit of Christmas to every day of the year.

This new Ford type is of an exceptionally pleasing design. Wide doors opening forward, folding right front seat, and a roomy interior make it a convenient car to use; its high radiator,

broad cowl, sun visor, and large windows make it stylish in appearance. Yet it is sold at the lowest price ever asked for a Sedan—only \$590 f. o. b. Detroit.

The rich, permanent luster of its finish, the quiet good taste of its upholstery, and the ornamental treatment of its full-nickel hardware, all help to make it a car you are proud to drive.

This car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

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LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beck and children spent Tuesday in Cairo.

Alfred Stepp returned Tuesday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. Clay Mitchell left Monday for Oklahoma City to visit her parents.

Judge Jas. A. Finch spent Monday in Charleston attending Circuit Court.

J. M. Miles left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., to look after business matters.

Evans Copeland and Richard Phillips attended the dance in Charleston Friday night.

Mrs. Ella Hutton of Farnfield arrived Sunday, as the guest of Mrs. James A. Finch.

Wes Sherwood, Jr., arrived Sunday from St. Joseph to visit his father, Wes Sherwood, of this city.

Mrs. Eddy Phillips is shopping in St. Louis this week and visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Phren.

Mrs. W. D. Howard, James H. Howard and Belle Bloomfield were Sikeston visitors last Monday.

Miss Elsie Smart will leave the latter part of the week to spend Xmas with her parents in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch and Mrs. Florence B. Finch returned Sunday from St. Louis, where they spent several days.

Mrs. Anna Blake returned Monday from Marston, where she spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Broughton.

Mrs. Mary Bloomfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Stacy and the family of Judge Wm. Graham in Sikeston this week.

Mrs. Delia Harris and son, A. B. and Miss Esther Knott will spend Christmas in St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knott.

George Boone, who is attending school at Chicago, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boone, during the holidays.

Mrs. Allen Engram returned to her home at Canolou Sunday, after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson and grandson, James Bentley of Farmington, will spend Christmas with relatives in New Madrid.

Miss Hilma Royce and Leone Gallivan of this city and Russell Leming of Mochouse attended the dance at Charleston, Friday night.

Wilton Chatman, 18 year old son of James Chatman, near LaForge died Sunday, December 16th and was buried Monday, at Farrenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Broughton will spend the holidays with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Christy Broughton and Miss Louis Broughton, of Cairo.

Misses Dorothy Riley, Evelyn Hunter and Virginia Francis, students of Visitation Convent, St. Louis, will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Smith of Bismarck and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Servatis and little daughter, of Paducah, Ky., will spend the holidays with relatives in New Madrid.

Mrs. Floyd Hummel and children, of St. Louis, arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hummel. Mr. Hummel will arrive Monday of next week to spend Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Faris of Hickman, Ky., will arrive this week to spend the holidays at the Robbins farm south of town. Their daughter,

Miss Myra, will visit the family of her uncle, J. K. Robbins, at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Massengill will go to Cape Girardeau Saturday to accompany their daughters Misses Dixie and Sibyl, and Miss Sile Shelby, students of Teachers College, home to spend the holidays in New Madrid with homefolks.

Mrs. Jas. Howard very delightfully entertained the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on Mitchell Avenue last Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. W. D. Howard and Mrs. Francis Steel playing as substitutes. Mrs. Harry Sharp made the highest score and was presented with a boudoir cap. A delicious luncheon was served after the game.

Miss Leone Gallivan entertained a number of her friends last Wednesday evening with a dancing party. Those present were Misses Margaret Carrigan, Alleen La Plant, Hilma Royce, and Frances Richards, and Messrs. Paul Dawson, Geo. Richards, Evans Copeland, Richard Phillips and Thad Campbell. At a late hour, a delicious Welshrarebit luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. N. Summers of Canolou was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Winters last week. While here she received a message that her daughter, Miss Ada Summers, who is attending school at Greenville, Ky., was taken to the Hospital at Louisville, to be operated on for appendicitis. Miss Ada will be remembered by the public school students as having attended school here two years ago.

RUSSIA SENDS NOTE TO U. S. ON RECOGNITION

New York, December 17.—The Russian Soviet Government is ready to do all in its power so far as the dignity and interests of its country permit to bring about friendship with the United States, George Tchitcherin, Soviet Commissary for Foreign Affairs, declared in an official note to President Coolidge made public last night by the Russian Telegraph Agency.

The note, based on part of President Coolidge's message to Congress, read: "It has been the constant endeavor of the Soviet Government to bring about resumption of friendly relations with the United States based on mutual trust. With this end in view, it has repeatedly announced its readiness to enter into negotiations with the American Government and to remove all misunderstandings and differences between the two countries. After reading your message to Congress, the Soviet Government, sincerely anxious to establish at last firm friendship with the people and government of the United States, informs you of its complete readiness to discuss with your Government all problems mentioned in your message, these negotiations being based upon the principle of mutual non-intervention in internal affairs."

"The Soviet Government will continue wholeheartedly to adhere to this principle, expecting the same attitude from the American Government."

"As to question of claims mentioned in your message, the Soviet Government is fully prepared to negotiate with a view toward its satisfactory settlement on the assumption that the principle of reciprocity will be recognized all around. On its part, the Soviet Government is ready to do all in its power, so far as the dignity and interests of its country permit, to bring about the desired end of renewal of friendship with the United States of America."

To be womanly is the greatest charm of woman.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Columbus De Lisle, et al to Cora Lee Fuller: All of lots 1, 2 and 3 in blk. 39 in De Lisle's 2nd addition to the city of Portageville. \$300.

Jessie P. Eckler to Sarah E. Pearce: Undivided 5-8 interest in W½ of NE¼ of E½ of NW¼ all in 12-24-13. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Etta Richardson to Lydia Pitts: All of S½ of lots 6 and 7 in blk. 29 in De Lisle 1st addition to city of Portageville. \$550.

Fred A. Hellage and wife to Geo. D. Steele: All of lot 3, block 1 in the platte village of Kewanee. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

K. K. Kevill and wife to D. B. Kevill: Undivided 1-3 interest in E½ of 23-23-12 containing 313 acres more or less. \$1.00.

Frank Freeman and wife to W. Raymond Pryor: All of lots 57, 58 and 59 in blk. 6 in H. L. Snider's addition to the town of Lotta, now a part of the town of Parma. \$300.

J. L. Murrel and wife to Olan Dacus and wife: All of lot 18 in block 3 in Killens add. to the city of Portageville. \$1050.

Mary Pasley and husband to Eric B. Bolden: All the S½ of SW¼ of 19-23-13 and containing 80 acres, \$1 and other valuable consideration.

Columbus De Lisle and others to Oscar Fuller: All of lots 10 and 11, blk. 48 in De Lisle's 2nd addition to Portageville.

W. L. Barnard and wife to Jesse Bledsoe: Tract of land in sur. 653-23-14 310x178 ft. \$1200.

Sarah B. West to A. R. Parker and Robert Jamison: 50 ft. off N. end of lot 7 in blk. B of H. C. Latham's addition to the city of New Madrid. \$450.

Muriel R. Kerr to W. E. Gray: My undivided interest in lot 5, blk. 2 in the original plat of the City of Parma. \$15.

HYDE'S HUNTING BOAT DAMAGED BY FIRE

Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 17.—Several members of Gov. Hyde's hunting party lost all their clothing, except their night attire, when a fire early today damaged one of the houseboats the party is using on the Black River.

One of the party borrowed an extra pair of the Governor's trousers and came here for additional clothing and bed clothing.

The fire was caused by one of the party attempting to kindle a fire with gasoline, it was said.

Protest Over French Action

London, December 17.—In the diplomatic struggle now going on in Bucharest between the French, British and American ministers over oil concessions France has held up the payment of credits recently voted Rumania, and is trying in this way to obtain exclusive or preferential oil rights.

The British have entered formal protest against the French action, and the United States legation is reported to have aligned itself against any deal with the French that would jeopardize American oil interests.

What I don't see
Don't trouble me;
And what I see
Might trouble me,
Did I know,
That it must be so.
—Goethe

MAKE 1923 THE HARDWARE CHRISTMAS

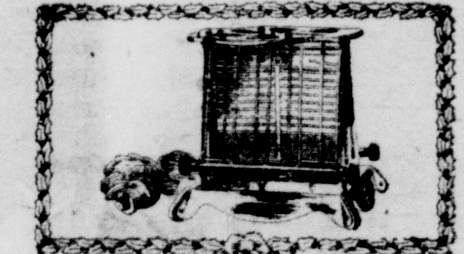
JUST think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle, or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before-breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore finger for little brother, and the carving set and silver.

You see we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other hardware things we could hang on the tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"A Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas.

We have the largest collection of Community Silverware in this section. Come in and see the wonderful display of Toys—one of the best in Southeast Missouri.



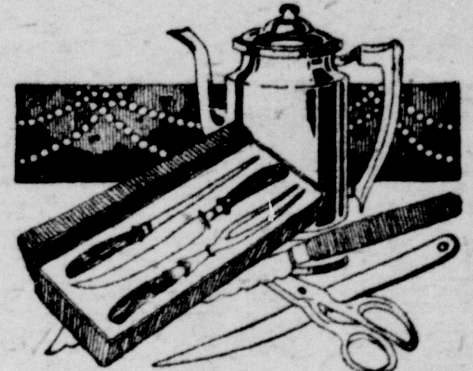
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| Six Water Glasses |\$2.25 |
| Ice Tea Glasses, 6 |\$2.75 |
| Goblets, six |\$2.75 |
| Gold Rim Goblets |\$5.75 |
| Berry Set |\$4.95 |
| Celery Dish |\$1.95 |
| Vinegar Cruet |\$2.45 |
| Cream & Sugar Set |\$1.95 |
| Mayonaise Set |\$2.25 |
| Bud Vase |45c up |
| Solid Mahogany candle sticks and trays | |



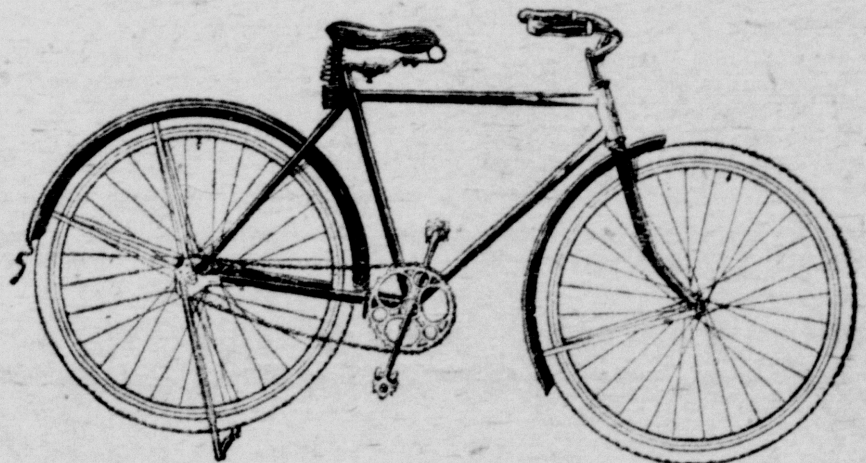
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| Electric Irons |\$5.00 up |
| Curling Irons |\$4.25 up |
| Percolator |\$7.50 up |
| Toaster |\$1.95 up |
| Polar Cub Vibrator |\$4.75 |
| Flashlights |\$1.00 up |
| Boudoir Lamps in all shades. | |
| Electric Heaters, Xmas Special |\$1.95 |



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| Velocipedes |\$3.75 up |
| Wagons |95c up |
| Coaster Wagons |5.00 up |
| Doll Carts |\$4.45 up |
| Carbide Cannons |\$1.25 up |



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| Pocket Knives |25c up |
| Carving Sets |\$1.25 up |
| Scissors |25c up |
| Safety Razors |75c up |
| Old Style Razors |\$1.50 up |



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WILLIAM G. M'ADOO ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Los Angeles, Cal., December 17.—William Gibbs McAdoo, wartime director of the American railroads, tonight announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in a telegram to W. W. Hawes, Democratic state chairman, Pierre S. D.

Pleasant Valley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan spent Saturday afternoon in Sikeston taking advantage of the wonderful bargains advertised by progressive Sikeston merchants.

William McCloud, Rosecoe and Gus Foster attended the Sunday School at Brown Spur last Sunday.

The weather man beamed very brightly Sunday, the first time in four weeks.

Several have killed hogs lately and are prepared to serve sausage, head cheese and spare-ribs for Xmas.

This is the time of year to enjoy farm life as there is no work to rush at and plenty of fresh cold butter and milk. Also eggs galore. Not to mention fresh country sausage, etc.

A nice program is to be given at the school Xmas eve and a tree will be the delight of the kiddies. Many of the parents are expected to be present and all are cordially invited to attend.

Love's sweetest meanings are unspoken; the full heart knows no rhetoric of words.

HARTY CHOSEN NEW PRESIDENT OF F. S. E. MO. TRUST CO.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Southeast Missouri Trust Company this morning, A. L. Harty of St. Louis, Mo., was employed by that institution. Mr. Harty is to become president of the bank. Mr. Deal remains executive head of the institution and is to be elevated to the chairmanship of the board of directors, a new position that is to be created.

Mr. Harty is a man of large affairs and wide experience. He formerly served as state superintendent of insurance. He organized and is now the president of the St. Idard County Trust Company at Bloomfield, and has been a member of the board of supervisors of the Little River Drainage District since its organization. At present he is treasurer of the International Life Insurance Company of St. Louis. He will remain on the board of the life insurance company, but will resign as treasurer when he moves to Cape Girardeau, shortly after the first of the year to assume his new duties with Southeast Missouri's largest financial institution.

Martin G. Bender, efficient assistant secretary, was rewarded for his 15 years of faithful service to the institution by being elected secretary and treasurer, at an increased salary, and August Kempe, genial bookkeeper, was made assistant secretary.

This advanced step in banking was taken by the bank in recognition of the rapid growth of Cape Girardeau and Southeast Missouri and the desire of the board of directors to render greater service to its present and prospective patrons.—Cape Missouri.

If there is a virtue in the world at which we should aim, it is cheerfulness.

OH BOY! THE BIJOU Is Now All Dressed Up and Ready for Old Santa

Fancy Box Candies, Box Stationery, Special Christmas Wrapped Cigars, Pipes, Cigarettes, Bunte Hard Mixed Candies, Ambrosia Milk Bulk Chocolates, Home Made Candies.

Before Buying Go to The Bijou
"Where Good Fellows Meet"

Notice To Taxpayers!

Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Sikeston from December 3rd to December 29th. Office at City Hall, Sikeston, Mo.

EMIL STECK

Collector Scott County, Missouri

THE LUMBER YARD RIGHT-OF-WAY SECURED

The right-of-way dispute as to damages for moving buildings on the E. C. Robinson Lumber Co., leased property has been settled for \$1500 and work on moving the sheds and buildings is expected to begin soon after January 1. This will give a straight line east and west through Sikeston without any detours and will be more convenient for the traveling public.

This was a case where the public was given more consideration than the owners of the property or renters thereof, as an expense of something like \$5000 will be attached to the clearing of the right-of-way. The balance of the hard road east and west through Scott County from Cairo to Poplar Bluff has been completed some time and as soon as the buildings are set back the contractor, Norman Davis, will soon complete this short stretch.

AGRICULTURE IS MUCH IMPROVED

Columbia, Mo., December 17.—That county extension agents should lay the greatest emphasis upon the spiritual values of their work was the keynote of an address given today by Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture, at the final morning session of the county extension agents, who have been meeting in the west Agricultural Building.

"We talk too much to the farmer in terms of 'if you will do this, you will get an extra dollar', said Dean Mumford. 'Our purpose is the development of the idea of service among the farmers themselves in order that they may understand what the extension worker is trying to accomplish.'"

"We are materialistic and measure our achievements thus, but it is thru the spiritual things that we really achieve the desired success. The hope of American democracy lies on the farm and rests with this group to develop not merely the material possibilities but also the spiritual'."

Dean Mumford answered the question of what an extension worker should accomplish by saying that it depended largely on the individual. While the county agent, of course, has certain definite tasks, Dean Mumford pointed out that the really lasting things he achieved depended entirely upon his own initiative.

"It must also be kept in mind that all extension workers are on a common ground. Their business is education, they deal in knowledge and the imparting of this is their chief problem. The acquisition of knowledge is a good thing, but only when it is applied does it become useful'."

Turning from the discussion of the county agent to the conditions of agriculture, Dean Mumford said that the time has arrived when it is safe to be optimistic about the future of agriculture.

"I have no doubt I am right in telling the students that this is a good time for a man to go into agriculture," Dean Mumford declared.

"Though the progress of agriculture may be slower than that in industry, we must not be discouraged. The trouble lies in the lack of organization among the farmers, and the difficulty of reaching them. All this, however, merely points out that education among farmers is indeed more necessary'."

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking friends and neighbors for aid and sympathy during the sickness and death of our husband, father and brother, James Cresap, which occurred Monday, December 10, at his home in Gideon, Mo.—Mother, son and sisters.

The mid-winter business meeting of the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association will be held at the Marquette Hotel, St. Louis, at 1:30 p. m., December 27th. Also the mid-winter dinner dance will be held at the Riverview Club, St. Louis, the evening of December 27th.

UNITED STATES LOAN BLOCKED BY POINCARÉ

Paris, December 17.—The French Government will oppose the Reparations Commission granting permission to Germany to borrow \$70,000,000 in America with which to purchase foodstuffs. In as much as unanimity would be required in the commission, this means the German request, which was made public here today, will be rejected.

The French take the stand that if Germany needs \$70,000,000 worth of American food, German citizens, who hold abroad wealth, which the French estimate at \$3,000,000,000, can easily finance it. In other words, the French argue that if Germany could buy \$50,000,000 worth of cotton and copper in the United States in the past year and pay for it, the Germans can buy wheat in the same manner.

It was also pointed out here that the German wheat crop this year is the largest in thirty-five years, and that those entitled to reparation payments should not be made to pay for Germany's inability to distribute her food due to the chaos which the French say was caused by nothing else than the German fight to escape fulfillment of her duties under the Versailles treaty.

It is also mentioned in Paris that France once before consented to allow a German food credit to have priority over reparations, and in addition to humanitarian motives, the French at that time were unquestionably actuated by the idea of permitting Germany to restore herself in order to pay reparations. The net result so far as the French can see was that the 1,600,000,000 gold marks otherwise pledged for reparations, went to America and filled stomachs brought no German desire or willingness to pay France.

The French, of course, feel it possible that their refusal will bring the charge that they are cruel to the hungry Germans. They expect this cry to come from many countries. Their reply will be that the richer nations whose hearts are stirred by this feeling are perfectly free to send food to Germany, but that France, staggering under a fiscal burden imposed by the default of the Germans, cannot be asked to do what in effect would mean her footing the largest part of the bills.

In case the charity of other nations does not equal their solicitude for the German hunger, the French think the citizens of England, America, Holland and Switzerland should think of the German bank balances in their financial institutions and figure who is more cruel to the Germans, Stinnes or Poincaré.

In response to the feeling sent to Paris two weeks ago the French notified the Germans that they would not agree to a food loan in America and the fact that on top of that, Berlin insists on standing to the Reparation Commission a request which she knows in advance would be refused, leads to the belief here that the Reich is trying to use the spectre of hungry women and children for propaganda purposes. The Reparation Commission will meet Wednesday when it may consider the German proposal.

The full text of the German note follows:

"The results of the last cereal harvest and the experience of the last few years show Germany requires to import a further quantity of about 1,500,000 tons of bread cereals up to August, 1924. As a period of several months is required for the purchase of sea transports, distributing in Germany to various mills, grinding and the delivery of flour to consumers, the purchase and importation of corn required cannot be postponed until the supplies of corn in Germany have been consumed. Foreign purchases must be distributed over a fairly long period, since if they are postponed until corn supplies in Germany are exhausted supplementary purchases could only lead to a considerable rise in prices and there would also be an excessive increase in the price in Germany, owing to scarcity of home supplies.

"For the purchase of this corn, Germany is dependent on foreign credit.

"Further, the experience of the last



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few years shows for her supply of fats, Germany requires a regular supplement from abroad of 19,000 tons per month; that is, 70,000 tons for the period from January until the beginning of August, 1924. Importation of this quantity of fats is a vital necessity for the German population, which is endangered unless a foreign credit is forthcoming.

"Credit negotiations, which for the reasons set forth above, have already been opened and have revealed the fact that foreign banks, in principle, are prepared to grant credit to the amount of from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000 for the period of three years, but they will only give credit on the condition that it is given precedence over Germany's reparation obligations.

"The German Government, therefore, has the honor to request the Reparations Commission to declare in principle that three years' credit to an amount not exceeding \$70,000,000 for the purchases of bread cereals and fats, may, in accordance with paragraph 2, article 251, of the treaty of Versailles, be granted priority over Germany's reparation obligations.

"In view of the urgency of the question indicated above, the German Government requests that the Reparations Commission come to a decision as quickly as possible."

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Second Mass, 7:00 o'clock

Third Mass, 9:00 o'clock.

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With 1000 Actually Attending Public Schools Here

Sikeston Public Schools are by far the largest of any in the four counties of which Sikeston is the center.

With over 700 in grades, 230 in high school and enough colored to run the total to 1000 and every available room in use, the city's growth is reflected in her school attendance.

In addition to the above, the Parochial school maintains several rooms. The entire system will close down Friday afternoon until Monday morning, December 31.

RURAL CARRIERS WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS OFF

Four rural route mail carriers working out of the Sikeston postoffice will have a vacation on Christmas Day, as will other rural carriers throughout the nation, according to an announcement from Washington. In former years it has been the custom to have carriers work that day, but they have been free on New Year's Day.

City carriers on Christmas Day will get the usual half-holiday.

Hard-boiled eggs can be more readily peeled if they are cooked in slightly salted water.

There is a considerable vogue in New York at present for amber and black. Many new wrist bags are in amber with black embroidery, and amber cigarette holders with black onyx bands are very fashionable.

It is never so difficult to speak as when we are ashamed of our silence. While in Kansas City last week H. C. Blanton had the pleasure of meeting Miss Maud Phillips and Miss Allie Howard, former teachers in the Sikeston High School. Both asked to be remembered to friends.

Senator Spencer has introduced a bill in the Senate for a postoffice building for Caruthersville. Now would be a good time for some of our patriotic Republicans to ask the Senator to try for a building here.

Cars driven by W. A. Singleton of Sikeston and Dr. Waters of Matthews, collided near the Methodist Church in this city Tuesday afternoon. Neither of the occupants were hurt, though Singleton's car was badly damaged.

Sikeston is the only town in the State of its size, that has neither auditorium or gymnasium in connection with its schools. There is Morley, Blodgett and Diehlstadt right close around us, that have us skinned a mile for physical education.

The Sikeston public would be glad if the Government would send in a good, strong Billie Goat to tie in the lobby of the Postoffice to change the smell. These rainy days force the negroes in there to get out of the weather and the atmosphere is so thick it can almost be cut.

It is a crime of the worst sort for any person to drive a car at night without lights. The two children who were killed a few nights ago when a car turned over in a ditch, would have still been alive if the father had used lights. He was driving an old rattle trap without lights at 1:30 in the morning when the accident happened. What a pity it wasn't he, instead of the children.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Judge Stacy of Sikeston was in Matthews Tuesday.

Albert Deane went to Cape Girardeau Monday on business.

Charles King and son, C. O. King, visited relatives in Parma Monday.

Mrs. Mary Steele and son, Howard, visited relatives in Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Tuesday.

Francis Steele of New Madrid laid off the plat for the High School building Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and daughter of New Madrid were Matthews visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stewart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and daughter, Miss Ella, and Jim 2 nes shopped in Cape Girardeau Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy and children of Sikeston, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shelton, Sunday.

Miss Frankie Deane, who is attending school in New Madrid, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

Mrs. D. A. Chiles was called to Cape Girardeau Thursday on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Alma Biggins.

Mrs. Donney Durbin and babe, of Bytheville, Ark., are visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, this week.

Mrs. Florence Woodard and sister, Mrs. Nellie Wilson motored to Sikeston Friday, where Mrs. Wilson went to take her little daughter to the doctor.

Clifford Reed met with a very painful accident Tuesday while wrestling, having sprained his arm severely. It was thought at first it was broken, but on examination, found it just a sprain.

Mrs. Alice Hunott, wife of Richard Hunott, died at the home of her son, Gale Hunott, Monday morning at 8:30. Mrs. Hunott was born in Mitchell, Ind., March 15, 1865, departed this life December 17, 1923, aged 58 yrs., 9 months and 2 days o.d. "Aunt Alice" as she was called by her many friends, has been in poor health for the past several months. Everything that human hand could do was done, but it seemed that she continued to gradually grow worse, until the end came Monday morning. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, two sons, Gale Hunott of this city and Bud Hunott of Arkansas, one daughter, Mrs. James Hill, of this city, and a very large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. S. Surface Tuesday at the M. E. Church, interment taking place in the Matthews cemetery.

A man by the name of Woods, with his wife and three children, were coming from Bragg City, in a Ford touring car, on a visit to his brother, living about two miles west of Matthews, when about 1:30 o'clock, Monday morning, Mr. Woods was driving along without any lights and his car turned over into a ditch about 4 1/2 miles south of Sikeston, near the farm of John Calvin. Mr. Woods, not realizing how serious the accident was, went to Mr. Calvin's to get aid. On returning, it was discovered that the trunk that was in the back seat with the two children, aged 3 and 8, was lying on them in the ditch. When the trunk was pulled off, it was discovered that the children had strangled to death. The mother and babe were seriously injured. The children and mother were taken to the Calvin house, where an inquest was held over the two dead children by Coroner D. A. Chiles, and medical attention was immediately administered to the mother and babe. This was certainly a very sad accident and this man, although a stranger in our community, has the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Matthews.

Dr. Tonelli, of St. Louis, a former practicing physician in this city, was here for a few days' visit during the week.

MRS. LILLIAN PATE PASSES TO REWARD

Mrs. Lillian Pate, wife of William Pate, died at her home in this city, Tuesday morning at 1:00 o'clock, after a lingering illness, of tuberculosis. She had been in poor health for several years and confined to her bed for several months. Through her long illness she suffered much, but was a most patient invalid, with no word of complaint.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson of this city and one of a large family. Two brothers, J. P. and Claud, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Moesbee, of her immediate family, with her husband, William Pate, and son, Earl, are left to mourn her passing.

Mrs. Pate had long been a member of the Baptist Church and the Order of Eastern Star, and until her last sickness, was an active worker in both church and lodge.

The funeral took place at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. S. P. Brite officiating and the Eastern Star having charge of the ceremonies, after which her mortal remains were laid away in the City Cemetery.

The Standard joins friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

WOMAN'S CLUB MET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the City Hall Tuesday afternoon with a few members present. After the regular business was disposed of, the program, Public Welfare, was the subject, in charge of Mrs. John Powell, assisted by Mrs. Walter McGee. Both ladies gave interesting reports. Miss Effie Sellards, captain of the Girl Scouts, gave a very interesting report of the Girl Scouts movement in Sikeston, which was enjoyed by those present. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday evening, January 2 at the Hotel Marshall, with the Lion Club and their wives, as guests of the Club. Prof. Hoover, of the Teachers' College of Cape Girardeau, will be the speaker of the evening. His subject will be, "Looking Forward." There will be several musical numbers given during the evening also, and a very enjoyable evening is promised. The hours will be from 8:00 to 11:00.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT METHODIST CHURCH

Special Christmas music at the morning service Sunday at the M. E. Church. Two anthems by the choir, "The Herald Angels"—Stults; "Glory To God In The Highest"—Dressler, with violin obligato by Miss Helen Welsh. The organ numbers are "Adeste Fidelis"—Whiting, "A Shepherd's Toll"—Gillette; "Chorus of Shepherds"—Lemmens.

Carl C. Freeman is home from the Chillicothe Business College for a Christmas visit with homefolks.

Ralph Wilkey, who is attending school in Indiana is here for the holidays. He is the third of the Wilkey boys who have ambition for a better education and is working his way up. Success to be and his brothers.

Lingerie plaited all over in accordance with fashion is 'in' once more in New York. Slip-ons of this sort in Nile green radium have tiny garlands of rosebuds on the shoulders and a narrow girdle of black velvet ribbon.

While hogs are not worth feeding for market at this time, the Blanton boys had a gilt to farrow 14 pigs a few days ago, 12 of them males. Wonder if the butcher shops have heard of the low price of pork on foot. We who buy know the high price over the block.

It is rumored that Miss Maud Phillips, former principal of the Sikeston High School, but a teacher in one of the Kansas City High Schools, is engaged to be married to a wealthy gentleman of El Paso, Texas. The Standard extends congratulations to the gentleman in winning the heart and hand of so estimable a lady.

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POLITICAL LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Wallace Bassford

Washington, D. C., December 17.—
President Coolidge's first message,
carefully and studiously prepared af-
ter weeks of thought, has gone to the
world. The Democrats have gener-
ally refrained from unfriendly criti-
cism; perhaps one reason for this
was that they realized that the first
aim of the message was to enable Mr.
Coolidge to win his own party nomi-
nation, and in this they wish him well.
He is in, has been in but a short time,
and they feel that he should have a
chance for his white ally, as the
boys say. The Republicans around
Washington, who, when there is pie
to be distributed, turn each morning
toward the White House, even as the
Moslem turns toward Mecca, has
greased their vocal cords and tuned
their voices for a month in order to
shout their approval, no matter what
doctrines the President might pro-
claim. The people of the country
generally will probably get their best
cue as to just what sort of message
it was from the manner in which it
was received in certain quarters. It
was observed that the Wall Street
Journal chortled in glee when it
found that everything for which it
had prayed was duly set forth—re-
duction of the surtaxes on big in-
comes, continuation of the Esch-Cum-
mins law with its guarantees and
prohibitive freight rates, refusal of a
bonus to the soldiers, and so on. The
big interests for which the Journal al-
ways speaks were equally delighted
with some of the omissions noted;
while there were seven thousand
words in the message, there was not
one for the interests of labor.

Mr. Coolidge, with a weather eye
on the colored delegates from the
South and on the negro vote next No-
vember, strongly espoused the Dyer
anti-lynching bill. This bill is worthy
of profound consideration. It pro-
vides, among other things, that if five
or more persons lynch another indi-
vidual within any given county, that
county shall be penalized to the ex-
tent of fifty thousand dollars. Bad
as this is, it becomes worse when one
contemplates the situation which
would arise if a mob originating in
one county should carry the victim
across the line into another county
and hang him. The bill is largely
fostered from a feeling that political
conditions demand it; Mr. Dyer has
to hold the 12,000 negro votes in his
St. Louis district or lose his seat in
Congress. The Republican party has
to hold the negro vote, now rapidly
slipping, or lose several states in
which it practically holds the balance
of power. In the recent elections in
New York and Kentucky the negro
divided; in New York most of them
voted the Democratic ticket; in Mary-
land so many of them broke from the
Republican party that even St.
Mary's county, Republican for de-
cades, landed in the Democratic col-
umn. Schooling and going up and
down in the land, steadily bring the
negroes to a different view; their
leaders are finding that the spirit of
Lincoln no longer pervades the Re-
publican party. In fact, the eastern,
or reactionary end of the party has
gone back to the old federalism of
Hamilton, who believed that one class
should rule over the others by right
of birth, blood, breeding and wealth;
the western or progressive wing has
become to a large degree socialistic.
The spirit of Lincoln had vanished be-
fore Hayes was manipulated into the
Presidency won by Tilden and long be-
fore Mark Hanna spent sixteen mil-
lion to put McKinley in the White
House; had that spirit not been in
eclipse, these things could not have
happened. The intelligent negro—
and he is becoming numerous and is
leading his brethren—is feeling this
keenly and realizing that he is but a
burden-bearer for the Republican
bosses. Hence and wherefore the
Dyer bill.

A year ago the Democrats swept
New York State with the aid of
Hearst; a few weeks ago they repeat-
ed, but this time they turned the trick
with Hearst lined up on the other

side. The Democrats find they can
win without him; the Republicans
find they cannot win without him. One
may wear out his pencil figuring on
electoral votes and not be able to put
Coolidge over without the vote of
New York, and all the advance indi-
cations are that New York's vote will
be denied him. If anything were
needed to make this more certain, the
President himself supplied it when he
declared against the bonus. He has
listened to the voice of the New York
Tribune and the Washington Post;
his message runs a remarkable paral-
lel to their editorials of the last
three months. He has listened to
those opulent and interested persons
of high position who have access to
his ear, forgetful of the million who
may never see his face, and who
cannot maintain their lobbies in
Washington. He has not even read
with understanding the referendum
vote on the bonus question in New
York State last month. In that State
the legislature passed a State bonus
bill; the big taxpayers took it through
the courts and beat it; then it was
taken into the election by the refer-
endum process, and when this had be-
fore the voters of both sexes it was
carried by a vote of seven to one. Can
the President, opposing the bonus,
win in New York against that handi-
cap, with the Democrats in power in
the State, with the intensely popular
Al Smith in the Governor's chair,
with 'Honest John' Hyman in the May-
or's office, and Coolidge himself un-
der the dubious pledge to carry out
those Harding policies which were so
obnoxious to the people? Right there
lies the answer which fickle Fortune
will give to Coolidge's ambition.

500 Children Seen In 'His Children's Children' Picture

Just think of paying five hundred
children to attend a picnic! That's
just what Sam Wood did for a chil-
dren's May party in Central Park, New
York, which was staged for scenes in
'His Children's Children', a picturi-
zation of Arthur Train's novel, which
Mr. Wood produced for Paramount
and which comes to the Malone the-
atre next Friday.

With the five hundred youngsters
as a nucleus and a merry-go-round, a
trick mule, a performing monkey, a
Punch-and-Judy show, a hot dog
stand, ice cream and gineracks of all
kinds as magnets, there was little
trouble in drawing every kid within
calling distance of the Casino into
the picture. In fact, the party grew
to such proportions within fifteen
minutes after the ten sight-seeing
buses had deposited the children on
the picnic ground, that Mr. Wood and
his assistants had a difficult time
handling the uproarious bunch.

But the hardest of all to control
were the mothers—five hundred of
them too—who wanted to get into
the picture with their off-spring or
were solicitous about their children
being in the center of the picture.
There were more potential Jack-
ie Coogans and Baby Peggys—to take
the mothers' word for it—before the
cameras in Central Park than one
could imagine. Obviously it was im-
possible for Mr. Wood to put all of
the kiddies in the front rank, but he
couldn't make the mothers see that.
Each parent was positive her child

was the cutest and cleverest in the
crowd—and there were some mighty
cute ones at that, curly blond heads,
kinky black ones, dimpled elbows,
sparkling blue eyes, and hundreds of
cute snub noses.

It was a hectic day, but the result
was gratifying to Director Wood.
George Fawcett, who plays the role
of Peter B. Kayne in the story, gave
the picnic party, and it was not hard
for him to register happiness with
nearly a thousand happy kids around
him. Other principals in the com-
pany, who worked in the scenes were
Bohe Daniels, Dorothy Mackaill, Hale
Hamilton, John Davidson, Joe Burke
and Warner Oland.

The Next War

I do not believe the stories that
large numbers of men are being
trained in Germany. Why should
they be? Germany still has millions
of war-trained soldiers—all she could
possibly handle. There is no doubt,
however, that there are groups of
ex-officers meeting and planning for
the next war and that cannot be stop-
ped by any amount of allied military
control. The danger does not lie
there, but in the assumption of the
Government by men like Von Seeckt
and Hindenburg, cradles rising of the
desperate people on the Rhine. I take
no stock in the fixing of a nearby
time to strike. That was largely
bluff, in my judgment. With Ger-
many in its present chaos it is ridicu-
lous to fix a time for anything.

But I know and believe with all
earnestness that what Poincare is do-
ing is bringing on the next war in
Europe with giant strides, and that
that war is inevitable unless the
moral forces of the world are mar-
shaled to stop what is happening in
the occupied territories and to get
the French out of all of Germany at
once. It is for England and America
to see that this catastrophe does not
come to pass. They can stop it if
they will. They will certainly be ut-
terly lacking in true friendship and
good-will to France if they do not
unite to save her from the grave she
is digging not only for herself but
for all Europe. It is what A. G.
Cardiner calls it in the London Na-
tion, 'the greatest crime in the his-
tory of Europe'—Oswald Garrison
Villard in the Nation.

The Mother-In-Law

The mother-in-law joke is no joke,
according to the officials of the Le-
gal Aid Society, which has for 47
years been unraveling tangles that
find their way into the courts. Leon-
ard McGee, the society's attorney,
presents the evidence: 'Thousands of
domestic-difficulty cases have come to
the Legal Aid Society in recent years.
Last year we helped to straighten
out the difficulties of more than 3600
couples. Mothers-in-law were re-
sponsible for most of them.' A sta-
tistical analysis made by Mr. McGee
reveals that 'there are three reasons
for this mother-in-law complex:
First, no mother thinks any other wo-
man's child is good enough for her
own; secondly, a mother frequently
sees in the marriage of her child the
thwarting of her own plans and am-
bitions; and third, where the boy or

girl has been a wage-earner the
mother dislikes sharing her accus-
tomed income with another. This
takes all the joy out of the mother-
in-law comedy. A troublesome moth-
er-in-law, it seems, is scientifically
only a mother who continues protect-
ing her child beyond the period when
the child needs protection. Just as
earlier she would have liked to keep
her boy in curls and was reluctant to
let her daughter do up her hair she
is unwilling, after her son or daugh-
ter marries, to surrender her rights
and influence to an alien. No doubt
all mothers hate to surrender, but
most of them do it, gracefully or with-
out much grace as they can muster.
Otherwise, there would be more
wrecked families than there are.—
New York Herald.

Missouri has the 2nd largest as to
area and one of the very first State
fairs as to management and quality
of program. At Sedalia, W. D. Smith,
Secretary.

The first member of a President's
cabinet to come from west of the Mis-
sissippi River was a Missourian. (Ed-
ward Bates of President Lincoln's
first cabinet.)

South Missouri is the home of the
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GREAT WESTERN STORY IS THE CALL OF THE CANYON

The bigness of the west and the
nobility of its people, described as
only Zane Grey can describe them,
are shown in 'The Call of the Can-
yon', Paramount's second Zane Grey
production, which will be the big
feature at the Malone theatre for
two days beginning Wednesday next.
The story is the latest written by
this popular author. It treats of a
phase of American life when the love
of gayety and extravagance followed
in the wake of the great war. The
part which the west and western peo-
ple played in bringing America to a
greater love of wholesome prosperity
and life in the out-of-doors, is ad-
mirably shown in this excellent pic-
ture.

'The Call of the Canyon' is said to
be one of the best stories ever writ-
ten by Zane Grey and in the produc-
tion of the picture, the spirit of the
original has been faithfully retained.
Mr. Grey personally assisted in the
search for locations as a background
for the picture.

The featured players are Richard
Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw
and heading the supporting cast are
Noah Beery, Ricardo Cortez and Fred
Huntley. The picture was directed
by Victor Fleming.

The photoplay opens with the arri-

val from France of Glenn Kilbourne,
played by Richard Dix, who finds his
sweetheart Carley Burch, portrayed
by Lois Wilson, engrossed in a gay
life in New York. Disgusted with af-
ter-war extravagance, he leaves for
Arizona to regain his health and his
faith in mankind. Here he meets Flo
Hunter, a role played by Marjorie
Daw. Flo falls in love with Glenn
and, feeling that Carley will never
consent to live in the west, he is on
the point of marrying Flo.

Carley Burch unexpectedly arrives
in Arizona and a series of dramatic
scenes follow in which Carley wages
a battle of wits against Flo for the
affections of Glenn. The bigness of
the spirit of westerners is shown in
the final dramatic scenes which are
filled with suspense up to the climax
of the picture.

'The Call of the Canyon', it is stat-
ed, will eclipse the former high
standard set by 'To the Last Man',
Paramount's first Zane Grey produc-
tion which was heralded by critics as
one of the best western pictures pro-
duced during the year.

The two-piece frock has arrived as
an important part of the tailored
suit. Oddly enough, the swanky cloth
scarf thrown around the neck is at-
tached to the frock instead of to the
almost knee-length coat.

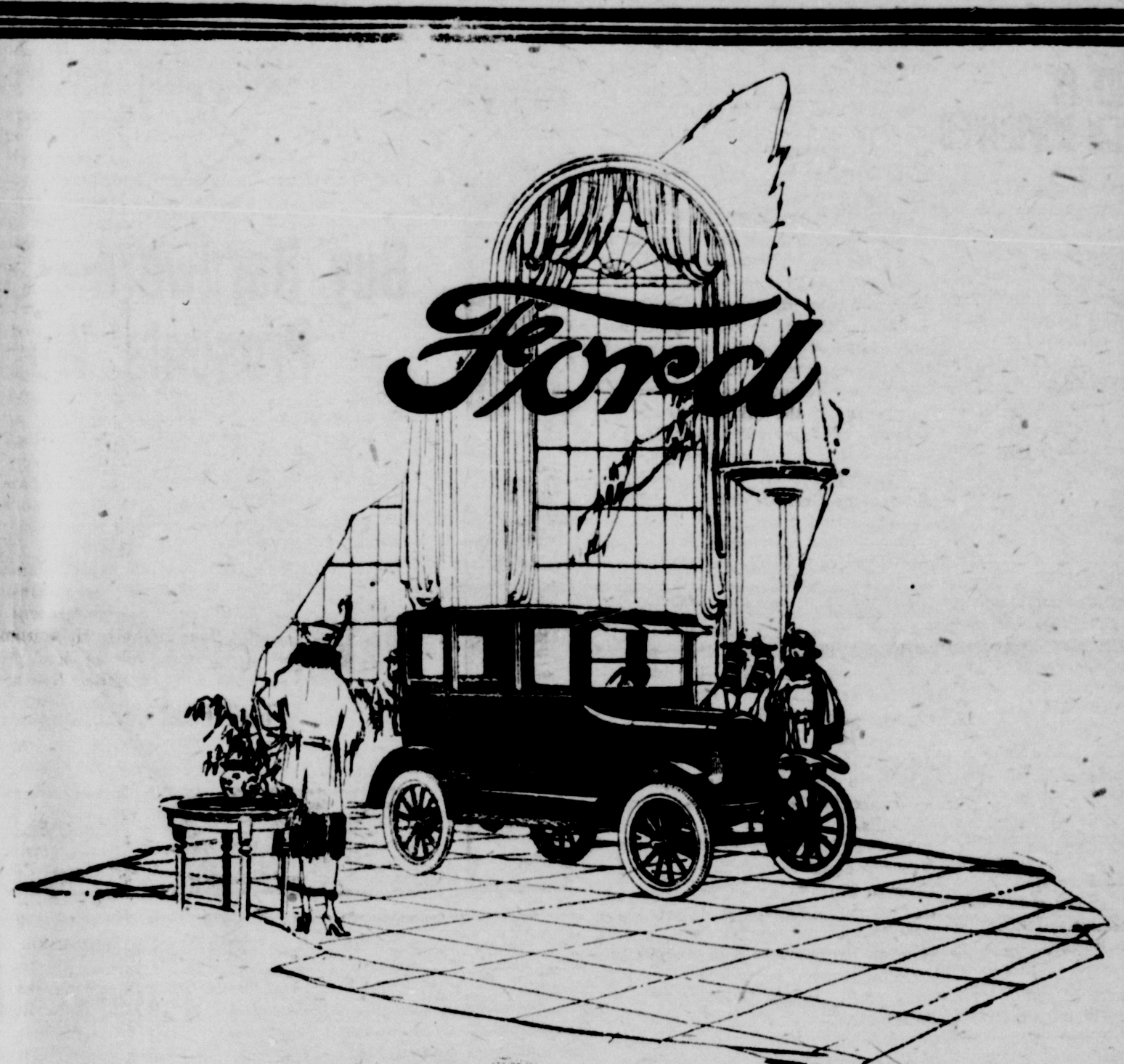
A fanciful new wrist watch is in
platinum and amethyst. From its
queer octagonal points dangle little
amethyst pendants on slender platin-
um chains. In reality, this is a love-
ly bracelet, with the dial face almost
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DEMOCRATS DENOUNCE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS

Washington, December 19.—Unable after twenty-five ballots to break the deadlock over the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee, the Senate agreed today to defer further balloting until after the Christmas recess of Congress, which begins tomorrow and ends on January 3.

Meantime, there will be a renewal of efforts to unravel the tangle into which the Senate was precipitated 10 days ago, but in view of the failure of all past prophecies, no one appeared willing to venture a prediction as to how the problem finally will be solved.

Two ballots today failed to show any material change in the situation.

Senators Cummins, Republican, Iowa, and Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, again ran almost neck and neck, with Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, trailing the field, having the support of only the Republican insurgents and five other so-called Liberals on the majority side of the chamber.

After the second ballot and while Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, was seeking to move for an executive session, the flood gates were opened for Democratic oratory for the first time this session.

In starting the discussion, Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, referred to the continuous balloting as "child's play" and gave notice that after the holidays he would move for the Senate to proceed to the public business.

Other Democrats charged that the Republican majority was unable to

organize the Senate. This brought a retort from Senator Brookhart of Iowa, a Republican insurgent, that the Republicans were not wholly to blame for the deadlock, since one Democrat, Senator Bruce of Maryland, had refused to support Senator Smith at a time when one vote would have elected him.

After the Senate went into executive session it got into another row over confirmation of postmasters, but finally approved the appointment of 704 of them in a session continuing more than two hours. Methods of selecting postmasters in the Southern States and charges that former service men have been discriminated against in appointments, formed the chief subject of controversy.

Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, offered a resolution, under which the Postmaster General would be directed to furnish the Senate "at the earliest practicable moment" the names of all first, second and third class postmasters appointed since March 4, 1921, and selected over "one or more ex-service men higher on the eligible lists". Action on the resolution was deferred.

Today there is rarely a veil seen on a woman in Egypt.

The Skeston Browns will give a Christmas party for six little girls Friday afternoon, December 21st, in the Scout Room.

The Union Electric Co. will give a party for the local employees at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck, on Friday evening, December 28.

Sioux City, Ia., boasts of the youngest female attorney practicing in the courts of the United States, in the person of Miss Gladys Yeaman, 23 years old.

The Girl Scouts of Skeston will sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve. Anyone wishing to have the girls sing, please notify Miss Effie Sellards or Miss Mabel Barnett.

Another practical gift is a dress length, and one New York shop is featuring these in cotton Canton crepes, and Normandy voiles in the new spring patterns and colorings which make this a decidedly acceptable gift.

The housewife who cannot find time to embroider the table linens will appreciate a tablecloth or napkins with initial woven right into the damask. These come in exquisite designs and the woven initial is a very new idea.

A gift for the house has become a Christmas custom in many families. If this is for a small apartment you better take a look at the clothes rack that swings from a wall bracket. It takes up no floor space and will hold eight articles of apparel.

One Fifth Avenue shop in New York is featuring new accessory sets that would make a practical gift which the well-dressed woman might appreciate. The set consists of novelty gloves in either suede or glace, and stockings to match. The clocks and motifs in the stockings are in the same tone as the stitching on the gloves and it makes a smart combination.



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COUNTRY SAFE WITH COOLIDGE SAYS FORD

Detroit, Michigan, December 19.—Henry Ford today declared that he, like a great majority of the American people, felt that the country was "safe with Coolidge" and that he himself would never consider running against Coolidge on any ticket.

"I believe it is the wise and natural thing for the people to agree on the nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge", Ford said. "I am satisfied that 90 per cent of the people feel perfectly safe with Coolidge and I feel, too, that the country is perfectly safe with him. And if this is the feeling of the country, why change?"

"Mr. Coolidge has shown in these months of service a great many qualities that should please his countrymen. I think they all feel that Mr. Coolidge means to do right. And when a man means to do right, so far as I have observed, it is usually quite easy for him to find the way to do right."

"Some people seem disturbed over the conditions which business will face during the presidential election year. Of course, there must be an election. But there is no reason why business should be disturbed by it, if the people by common consent agree they will hold to a good man while they have him. Public sentiment can be so formed long before the election that there need be no doubt about the election."

"In addition to considering the interests of the people, we should consider the interests of the President, as head of the American Government. President Coolidge has a position of the highest responsibility. He should not feel compelled to take any of his time or strength for any kind of political campaigning and for the sake of the country, as well as for his own, he should not have to do so."

Asked concerning the use of his own name in connection with the presidency, Mr. Ford said:

"No man has a right to say he never will consider public office, nor accept public office. No man can predict his own acts and feelings so strongly as that. But this I will say, that I would never for a moment think of running against Calvin Coolidge for President on any ticket whatever. In this present situation I am for Coolidge."

Regarding the numerous "Ford-for-President" organizations and the recent Ford conferences held here, persons close to the automobile manufacturer said he had given them "not half a moment's thought."

"It was something Mr. Ford could not call in the police to stop", one official asserted, "so the clubs continue to function, although some of them have the sanction or support of Mr. Ford."

GREEK KING AND QUEEN DEPART FOR RUMANIA

Athens, December 19.—King George and Queen Elizabeth, complying with the government's request that they leave Greece, embarked on the steamship Daphne for Rumania at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Admiral Coundouriotis, who it has been expected would be made regent, arrived here last evening, but it is uncertain whether he will agree to assume the regency. It seems not improbable that the regency will be confided to the Council of Ministers, who would be invested with special powers.

Owing to the results of the elections, the Republicans are contesting the right of the present government to retain office.

The Liberals take the view that now that the King has left the country, former Premier Venizelos is unlikely to accept the invitation extended to him to return to Greece. He has not yet replied to a telegram sent him by the leader of the Liberal party asking him to come back.

London, December 19.—Indications are that the Greece censor has for reasons of his own drawn the curtain temporarily on the drama in progress in Greece, the climax of which was the departure of the King and the Queen, practically as exiles.

The most recent dispatches from Greece gave no indication of any untoward happenings there. Previous advices had stated that the departure of the King would be followed by the establishment of a regency under the aged Admiral Coundouriotis, and that the King's absence would be regarded as a "leave" pending the decision of the newly elected national assembly as to the future form of the Hellenic Government. The general belief was expressed, however, that King George's departure would be for good. In many quarters, the tendency of Greece toward a republican form of government is considered strong.

FOR SALE—My home on Vernon Ave. For further information call and see Mrs. Ara Hanner.

SOVIET CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW U. S.

Washington, December 19.—Intercepted Soviet instructions from Russia to the Workers Party of America, outlining detailed plans for a proletarian revolution in America to raise the red flag over the White House were made public today by the State Department in support of Secretary Hughes' refusal yesterday to enter into any negotiations with Soviet Russia.

The department's announcement said that the Department of Justice "has assured the State Department of the authenticity of these instructions."

Part of the program outlined provided for the organization among industrial workers in the United States of "fighting units."

The members of the fighting units, in addition to all other matters, the instructions said, "must once a week be given instructions in shooting and receive some instruction in pioneer work (sapper work)."

Summarizing the results to be obtained, the document said:

"We are firmly convinced that work in the direction designated by us will give enormous results in the sense of preparing thousands of new propagandists, future leaders of the military forces of the party and faithful fighters during the social revolution."

The communist instructions were made public at the State Department without further explanation than was necessary to show the direct connection of this revolutionary project with the Soviet Government at Moscow. The publication was intended by Secretary Hughes to disclose the definite basis upon which rested the charge made in his communication to Tchitcherin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that the Moscow Government was continuing to conduct revolutionary propaganda in the United States.

Following the recent basketball game between Skeston and Blodgett, came an argument of some sort that ended in Bill Marrs shooting three times with a shot gun at the Christmas Tree Ford owned and driven by Mlem Limbaugh of this city. In the car with Mlem were Joe Peacher, Hershel Tyre and Professor Malcolm. Warrant was sworn out against Marrs and he will be given a hearing at Blodgett Friday afternoon.

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Also—Buster Keaton Comedy "DAY DREAMS," and NEWS.
Admission 20 and 40 Cents

TUESDAY NOTICE—Special Matinee 2:30 FREE to All
Grade Children.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY:

ZANE GREY'S

"The Call of the Canyon"

With Richard Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw.
Zazy-mad New York and the rugged West, frivolous society, and the mighty realities of nature, this picture shows both. A Zane Grey story, a guaranteed thrill, a roaring Western thriller with jazzy trimmings.
Also NEWS and CHAT.
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FRIDAY:

JAMES CRUIZE'S

"To The Ladies"

With Theodore Roberts, Edward Horton, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser.
To the Ladies! This is your picture! Bring along the men and enjoy an hour and a half of supreme triumph!
To the Men!—you've got to hand it to the Ladies! And oh, man! this picture gives 'em all the credit due!
To Everybody!—Come along and laugh yourself hoarse at this comedy classic, made from the knockout stage Success.
Also MUTT & JEFF Cartoon and Comedy, "MUMMY."
Admission 10 and 30 Cents

SATURDAY:

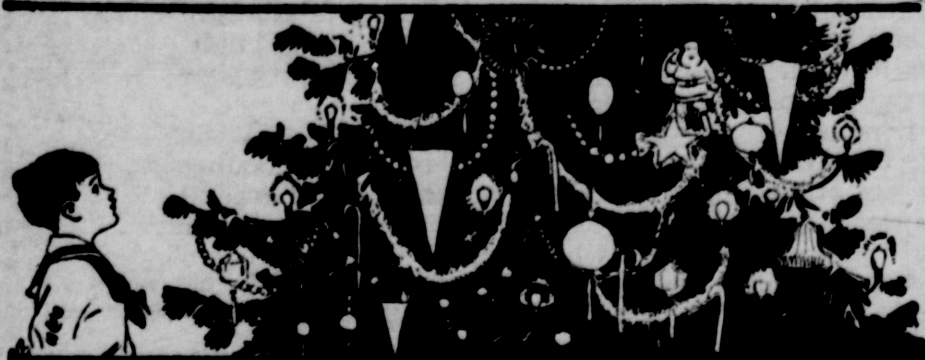
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The Standard has been embarrassed many times during the year just closing for the lack of ready money to meet our payroll and obligations to wholesale houses. This has been brought about by the failure of subscribers and patrons not paying bills at the end of the month when they fell due. This is to be changed the first of the year, when the office and family will go on a cash basis. Those using our columns for advertising purposes and merchants and tradesmen carrying accounts by the month are expected to settle accounts in full the first of each month. Job work is cash over the counter or when bill is presented. The Standard family will pay cash or do without and this is notice to our local merchants that after January 1, 1924, no charge account goes. Never in the history of the office have we been so rushed in our job department as we have been since late spring and we are stood off with a part payment until we have got to get the money promptly or cease business. Now, remember, a very little money will pay every bill that is against The Standard office or the family, but it is the lack of getting the amount in promptly that causes embarrassment to ourselves and to those who have extended credit to us.

The Scott County Milling Co. are offering a great number of prizes to cooks of Sikeston and vicinity, who use Juanita Baking Powder. The entries are to close Saturday morning, December 22, at 10:00 o'clock, and the awards will be placed immediately. The winning items and entries will be on display in the lobby Saturday afternoon and all who have entries are requested to be present from 3:00 to 6:00, that afternoon at which time refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend this reception.

If Santa Claus will bring us a check from the readers who are in arrears on their paper it will make us happy again. These amounts are not great, but there are a lot of them.

There will be no issue of The Standard put out Monday eve unless something absolutely necessary arises. The regular Friday edition will be printed as usual Thursday afternoon. Both editions will appear the first week of January and continue as before.

The Standard hopes the absence of snow will not prevent Santa Claus from paying his annual visit to all good little boys and girls, and all are rood at this time of the year. He can use a motor boat, an auto or an aeroplane, and there is no excuse this time for his not coming.

The party who took the 8-ounce vial of spirits from the Malone Theatre is offering a real treat to the pupils of the grade school, by giving them a free ticket to a special matinee of "Big Brother", Tuesday afternoon. This is one of the big pictures, is a late release and this Christmas gift should be duly appreciated by the pupils and their parents.

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Christmas trade from New Madrid, Mississippi and Scott Counties has been so great with Cairo merchants that it was necessary to add another ferry boat to accommodate the people. They have been large advertisers in Southeast Missouri papers. This should be read and digested by local merchants who have used less printers ink this Christmas than in ten years.

Bear in mind that the dance to be given by the Lions at the Shoe Factory this evening, is absolutely free to the white public. Stewarts Orchestra of Memphis, Tenn., one of the best to be found, will furnish the music. This will be no place for young bloeds to bring the white mule as it will not be tolerated. This should be an affair that will long be remembered as one of real pleasure and enjoyment.

Dr. R. E. Wiley of Ristine was in town during the week.

BOY, 17 YEARS OLD AND HIS BRIDE, 51, INDICTED

Jersey City, N. J., December 19.—The Hudson County grand jury last night handed down two indictments against Burton S. Tucker, 17 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Susan Tucker, said to be 51, charging them with conspiracy to violate the State marriage laws and with perjury. Tucker was named in an indictment charging subornation of perjury.

Others indicted on the perjury charge were John Muller, a former Justice of the Peace of Hoboken, G. H. Greb, registrar of vital statistics in Union Hill, N. J., and John L. McGinnis of Gloucester, Mass.

Tucker and his wife alone were indicted for perjury in the alleged misrepresentation of their ages when they applied for their marriage license. Included with Tucker in the subornation perjury charge was Miller and Greb. Capiases were issued yesterday for all five by Judge Hyman Lazarus. Tucker and his wife were married in Union Hill on October 2, last, by the Rev. Robert H. Rollins, pastor of the Union Hill Baptist Church, who was cleared by the grand jury of any knowledge of the alleged infractions incidental to the marriage. Tucker was 16 at the time of his marriage. The application for the license stated that he was 21 and Mrs. Simpson 46.

SPENCER'S JUDICIARY CHOICE IS REJECTED

Washington, December 19.—After wrestling for several weeks with the question of selecting an additional judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, President Coolidge has decided to ask Senator Spencer, Republican, of that state, to recommend another candidate.

The decision is taken to indicate that the President has made up his mind against the appointment of Vital W. Garesche, heretofore actively supported by Senator Spencer. White House officials would not say today whether the other leading candidate, Granville Hogan, son-in-law of Mayor Henry Kiel of St. Louis has been eliminated.

Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.

Rinse the custard cups with cold water before pouring in the custard. They will be much easier to wash.

Miss Virginia Mathews is expected home from National Park Seminary, Washington D. C., tonight to spend the Christmas holidays.

PRINCIPAL ROLES IN PICTURE ARE EXPERTLY CAST

Assignment of leading roles in "To the Ladies", the newest James Cruze production under Paramount's banner, has brought together a quartet of tremendously popular players—Edward Horton, Theodore Roberts, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser.

Horton, recently characterized as "a not too handsome successor to Wallie Reed" in comedy, demonstrated in "Ruggles of Red Gap"—another Cruze triumph, by the way—that he can be appropriately termed one of the screen's most talented recent acquisitions. He has the part of Leonard Beebe in the new production.

Theodore Roberts needs no introduction or encomiums. His is the part of John Kincaid, president and general manager of the Kincaid Piano Factory—and Roberts' inevitable cigar, of which he consumes many in the picture, helps stamp him as the boss.

Helen Jerome Eddy, widely known as "the Madonna of the screen," was chosen for the part of Elsie Beebe, Leonard's wife, because of her charming characterization of young matron roles.

Louise Dresser, like Horton, had a prominent role in "Ruggles of Red Gap", in which she appeared as Effie Flood. Her acting in that role so impressed James Cruze that he had assigned to her the part of Mrs. Kincaid, wife of the piano manufacturer.

The picture is an adaptation from the 3-act domestic farce by Marc Connelly and George S. Kaufman and will be shown at the Malone Theatre next Friday. It had a popular and protracted run when produced as a play in New York. Critics acclaimed it "an unexaggerated slice of life, generously sprinkled with laughs".

As screen material it has been pronounced by foremost motion picture technicians as possessing much greater possibilities than were present in staging it as a play.

Adaptation and continuity for the picture were handled by Walter Woods, production editor of the Cruze unit, who served in a similar capacity in connection with the filming of "Ruggles of Red Gap" and preceding pictures by this producer. Karl Brown, who enjoys the distinction of having photographed all of Cruze's recent successes, handled the photography likewise on the new picture.

The story revolves around a theme rather than a plot, and throughout there is stressed the truism that a man's attainment of high position in life is often due to his wife's efforts though he may not be conscious of it, or, even when he is aware of her endeavors, it does serve to diminish his ego.

The story develops at the outset the fact that the Kincaid Piano Factory is the dominant industry of the city where it is located—a community representative of any and all places. If ever it could be truly said of a picture that it mirrors life, such a statement accurately describes this one. It reflects life as it is known to ninety-nine out of a hundred average Americans—the story of that vast army of human cogs in industry.

The factory owner asserts that "no man who depends on his wife in business affairs is fit for an executive position," overlooking the fact that he relies on his wife for a decision in important affairs connected with his business. Elsie Beebe's intuition prompts her to advise her husband, a clerk in the piano factory, to advertise his accomplishments, especially when he does anything worth-while. The job of manager is to be filled and three clerks, Beebe, a "yes man" and a third individual, are rivals for the place. How Beebe sets about letting the boss know how good he is provides humorous situations galore, culminating when he noses out the "yes man" with his wife's help after the rival clerk had beat him to it with a speech at a banquet. Both had memorized the same talk from a book of after-dinner remarks, and Beebe's wife saves the day for him by delivering an extemporaneous talk which proves the hit of the occasion. Meanwhile Beebe's wife discovers that Kincaid's wife is the real boss, and through her help they clinch the job for Elsie's husband. Others in the cast include Z. Wall Covington, Arthur Hoyt and Jack Gardner.

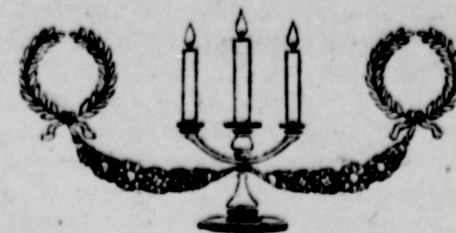
While no specific plans have been agreed upon by the commissioners it was stated that the board has under consideration two plans for the betterment of present drainage facilities in that section, and incidentally drainage in the territory to the south of the proposed dam.

One would be the erection of the dam across Caney creek, to restrain the water in a huge pond there to prevent flooding of the big ditch into which the creek water empties and to prevent the ditch being filled with sediment. The other would be to enlarge the present dam and pond some three miles to the west of the proposed improvement.

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Christmas Morning

Christmas Eve had almost passed into history. Tom, Joe and little Mary had been tucked into their bed after numerous requests to sit up "just a little longer". Soon they were dreaming of great expectations of the morrow.

The fireside seemed the center of a thousand charms, for round it loving hearts would soon gather, but now the dying embers seemed to proclaim the end of the day. The hands of the clock approached the midnight hour, but we stayed, loath to part from the cordial air of hospitality that always prevades the home around Christmas.

The tree had been trimmed. Its top reached the ceiling, and tied to the highest twig a diminutive Santa Claus, with his round, jovial face nodding a friendly greeting. Strings of white and red popcorn were twined around green branches. There were shining balls of various sizes, and rosettes of tinsel glittered here and there. At the foot a big package of fleecy cotton had been made into uneven mounds and upon these, imitation snow glistened under the soft light of many candles. The presents were scattered around, some partly hidden by the lower branches of the tree, others plainly in evidence.

The baseball bat and catcher's mit for Tom, the rocking horse for Joe, and the big doll, with dreamy eyes, for Mary.

Hark! The clock in the distant tower is striking the midnight hour—now it is Christmas morn, and as we turn to put out the candles, we think of all the light that the twinkling Christmas star typified—the Light of the World, shining over the plains of Bethlehem, where nineteen hundred and twenty-three years ago, the wise men and watchful shepherds saw this strange star in the east, heralding the coming of a Man-child, born in poverty and humble obscurity in an out-of-the-way village, the one destined to carry the glad message to every corner of the world: "Peace on earth, good will toward men". He it was, who never lost faith in mankind, and accomplished more than kings, philosophers and sages.

The whole air of the first Christmas-tide was tremulous with joy. It was a time for holy song. Let this joy be in our homes and hearts and it will ever give brightness and beauty, gladness and glory, to life and duty.

I trust that no little child of Sikeston or vicinity will fail to receive a visit from Santa Claus this Christmas, also that those who may happen to be sick may receive words of cheer and comfort.

Whereas, Tuesday, December 25, 1923, is Christmas day and it is fitting and proper that Christian people everywhere should hallow this day by appropriate notice thereof.

I therefore, request that all the merchants of the City of Sikeston close their places of business during the entire day, and that our people devote the day to general enjoyment to which the day is entitled and to Divine Reverence.

In the whirl of business we should stop long enough at this time to elevate our thoughts to the true spirit of the Christmas-tide—that spirit of good will and kindness toward all—so that we may thoroughly enjoy its peace and blessings.

The universal joy of Christmas is wonderful. You cannot cut Christmas out of memory's calendar, nor blot its gladness from your heart.

The last cycle of 1923 is fast fading into history. The new year will soon be upon us, with new duties, new conflicts, new opportunities. Let us resolve now that 1924 is going to be a happy, progressive year for all of us, full of good cheer and genuine helpfulness and with a kind thought for everyone.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Cordially,

C. E. FELKER,
Mayor.

Some Christmas Money For Good Cooks in Sikeston

To encourage a trial of Juanita Baking Powder, on Saturday, December 22, we will award the following prizes:

For The Best Cake Made With Any Brand of Our Flour and Juanita Baking Powder	For The Best Biscuits Made With Any Brand of Our Flour and Juanita Baking Powder
1st prize \$10.00	1st prize \$5.00
2nd prize 5.00	2nd prize 4.00
3rd prize 4.00	3rd prize 3.00
4th prize 3.00	4th prize 2.00
5th prize 2.00	5th prize 1.00
6th prize 1.00	

Anyone living in Sikeston or vicinity can enter this contest. You can enter as many different items as desired, but they must be made with some brand of our flour and JUANITA Baking Powder.

Deliver your entries to us Friday afternoon, December 21, or Saturday morning, December 22, before 10 o'clock.

Entries will be judged immediately and prizes awarded Saturday the 22nd at 3:00 p. m. Your cake entries will be returned to you if desired, after 6 p. m. Saturday, December 22. Winning items and other entries will be exhibited in the lobby of our office building, Saturday afternoon, December 22. All persons having entries in the contest are requested to be present between 3 and 6 p. m. Saturday during presentation of awards.

Please furnish the recipe you use in preparing your entry, to be printed in our new Cook Book.

The Judges will be Miss Isabel Hess, Home Economics Department, Sikeston High School, Miss Lilly Brucher, Home Economics Department State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, Miss Hazel Evans of our own Home Economics Department.

Deliver your entries to Mr. Jesse Layton, at our office, before 10:00 A. M. Saturday. He will register your name and issue a number to be attached to your entry. None of the judges will know who makes any of the items entered.

Refreshment will be served between 3 and 6 p. m.

All are cordially invited to call Saturday and see what delicious things can be made with our products.

The Scott County Milling Company

FARMERS MAKE KICK AGAINST LITTLE RIVER'S DAM SCHEME

Twenty-five farmers living in the vicinity of Oran and Benton appeared before the Board of Commissioners of the Little River Drainage District Monday afternoon to protest the proposed erection of a dam across Caney creek, three miles northeast of Oran. They told the commissioners that, in their opinion, the erection of the dam would make approximately 3000 acres of land bordering on Caney creek unfit for use. This land, they said, is worth considerably more than \$100 per acre and in their opinion is the best farming land in that section of the county.

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B. F. Burns, secretary of the Little River Drainage District, said that the dam under the present plans will not be over 25 feet high, that spillways will be arranged and tunnels will be maintained to give a steady outlet of water from the pond at all times. This, he said, will prevent any great amount of water backing up on the farms nearby, and also prevent overflow of water in the principal channel and the filling of the ditch with sediment. Caney creek, the secretary explained, carries a great amount of clay and sediment from the hills and is rapidly filling the channel, making a change necessary.

W. H. Heisserer, merchant and banker at Benton and a landowner in the Caney creek community, acted as spokesman for the farmers. He declared that not one of them wished to sell their land there, that they had lived there all their lives and "hated like h—l to leave". This reply was made to a statement that the district considered buying all land which would be affected by the proposed dam.

The erection of the dam or the increasing in size of the present dam, is a part of the improvement program for the drainage district which is expected to cost approximately \$3,500,000 and which was decided on at a meeting at Morehouse recently. The dam, under the present plans, would prevent overflow of the land south of the proposed site, engineers say.—Cape Missourian.

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Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
137th Dividend

The regular quarterly Dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 15, 1924 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

Slight Change in Electric Bill Paying Period

On and after December 25th our regular monthly bills will be rendered earlier, so that our customers should receive them about the 26th of the month.

The customary ten day period after date of bill will be allowed within which the regular cash discount will be given. This will bring the last discount day on or about the 5th of the following month.

To save time please bring your card with you when you pay your bills.

Union Elec. Light & Power Co.
S. E. MISSOURI DIVISION

WALL REMOVED AND TUTANKHAMEN'S GOLDEN SHRINE FULLY EXPOSED

Luxor, Egypt, December 17.—All preconceived ideas of Tutankhamen's golden shrine were upset by the impressive sight for the first time disclosed by the removal of the partition wall, when the correspondent visited the tomb this morning.

The first impression of this gigantic receptacle for the dead, its sides resplendent with decorations of blue and gold, set against a background of brightly-colored paintings on yellow, was almost overwhelming. The feeling was of something incredible, bizarre, something that seems utterly to banish the presence of death in this casket of wonderful artistry.

One of the first details to catch the eye was the fact that the golden lid of the canopy does not, as one imagined, from the view obtained from the opening in the wall, slope down from one end to the other. It rises again at the other end, giving a graceful curved effect which is declared by competent authority to be unique in Egyptology. The lid is not solid but hollowed out, roofing over a space of about four feet between the first and second shrines.

In this space the correspondent was able to see—for the doors of the first shrine had been removed—a remarkable species of wooden rack or scaffolding, erected to carry the immense golden spangled linen pall resting over the second shrine. It is very like open wooden cage work and is painted a glistening black, with heavily gilded carved feet. In the front, where the removal of the doors of the first shrine renders it clearly visible, it is seen to be made of two parts, rather awkwardly bolted together with large bolts, probably wooden. From the top hangs the ragged edge of the pall, turned blackish brown from age, showing where the part which concealed the doors of the second shrine had broken away. This part of the pall, except for a small piece crumbling on the ground, has already been removed to the nearby laboratory.

The golden rosettes, about the size of a half dollar, with which the pall is abundantly spangled, still sparkle in the rays of the powerful arc lights used by the excavators. These rosettes are certainly metal, but probably not gold—more likely gilded copper. Behind the rack the golden doors of the second shrine glisten dully, two bolts, one above and one below, yet sternly guarding the secret tomb.

In the middle, set in either batten of the doors, are two metal rings, let into the wood side by side, to which were attached seals, which Howard Carter, directing the excavating work, had previously removed. The doors are engraved with exquisitely chiseled figures of goddesses in the attitude of prayer, while above them is the projecting golden lintel of the second shrine, which is about seven feet high.

What impresses one more than anything else in the intriguing, festive air of this resplendent sepulchre, are the interior decorations of the wall of the shrine. These are chiefly golden, inscribed with endless lines of hieroglyphics, with figures of birds, flowers and animals, set in a triple frame of broad, black lines. This contrast of deep black and old gold recalls the art of old China or the decorative effect achieved by modern designers in boudoirs, with golden ceilings and black walls.

The influx of Christmas visitors to the tomb of Tutankhamen has begun, and a program of festivities has been arranged for the Christmastide. A number of sporting events have been planned, including a tennis tournament. It also has been proposed to establish the Tutankhamen stakes at the first donkey gymkhana of the season, on December 27.

An alabaster vase removed from the Pharaoh's tomb yesterday bears four exquisitely carved figures.

Just a Minute In Washington

Washington, D. C.—When George III ruled over the American colonies across more than 2000 miles of water, the people in New England did not feel stranger than to have Massachusetts rule all the rest of us over as much as 3000 miles of land or more in some instance makes people in most of the United States feel today.

Yet George in his powdered hair, his red velvet breeches and the gorgeous great coat of royalty no more truly welded the scepter over the colonies than with Mr. Coolidge in the White House. Mr. Gillett, Speaker and Senator Lodge as majority leader in the upper house of Congress, the tight little Bay State wilds it over the rest of this big country today.

Washington is a great place for maps. They may be said to take the place of pictures on public walls. Where we have in our Missouri Capitol, the most beautiful murals in America, having the savor of old things and revealing the very calm and music of our Missouri souls, they have here in the national capital chiefly maps showing what a mighty country is ours, how far-flung is our empire and by what seas begirt.

It fills one with odd misgivings to stand before one of these maps and recall that we have only government by Massachusetts, that nobody in the great Mississippi Valley has anything to do with it—nobody in the plains—nobody in the mountains—nobody in the vast Southwest—nobody in the South—nobody upon the Pacific slope—nobody in New York even—only these people in Massachusetts—so far away—so small—such a wee tail to wag so big a dog—so out of it in every way, which after all is the way that counts!

It gives maps the first usefulness they ever had in Washington. You can see people standing in front of these maps and thinking, probably as rare a spectacle as Washington has ever presented. They are thinking that there must be something wrong if all the rest of the country has no more to do with the Government than this.

"It is enough to make us wonder if Massachusetts is having a political renaissance and is to project a second great wave of freedom over the country," said a Congressman who feels keenly this one-sided power.

"Maybe the rest of the country has exhausted itself with all sorts of eccentric ideas and only Massachusetts, which has never had any ideas at all, remains to command," we suggested.

"It is likely," he agreed. "Lord, what a curious lot of ideas the rest of the country has had from time to time, and what a steadfast and unstampeded lot they do seem out here in Massachusetts by comparison with almost everyone else!"

It is so, of course. Let us compare two characteristic individuals—President Coolidge of Massachusetts and William Allen White of Kansas. Mr. White said in a New York speech recently that people in the East talk like morons. He likes to think of that section of the country as a region against which the dregs ought to march for the purpose of ramming the eighteenth amendment down their throats.

That is intemperance. There is nothing of that sort about Mr. Coolidge. If you heard him on the radio when he read his message to Congress you will recall that he was always temperate. He has the even tenor of his way, and from that he departs not. He showed this quality again at the Gridiron dinner, and no doubt we shall have ample opportunity to observe how different the President is from most people in the country—how much better he has himself in hand and how consistently temperate he is.

Have we at last turned to the quarter where America still has her shirt on, or has a beneficent Providence

sternly delivered us thence, knowing what is best for us?

You may take your choice. It has happened, and if the Republicans carry the next election it will not doubt happen again. Mr. Coolidge may have a running mate from somewhere out in the region devastated by political absurdity, but where will he find such a place? He is much more likely, don't you think, to have a running mate from his own part of the country, from Massachusetts—even someone whose wits are compered and whose pulse is normal. We can trust the other parties, don't you imagine, to furnish the political exhaust necessary to keeping the country from utterly blowing up?

Well, it is not as meaningless as it seemed when we set out, is it? That is what you see people making up their minds to while looking at the innumerable Washington maps. Maybe it is in maps rather than anything else that we are to discover the way out of the dilemma in which we seem to find ourselves; and what, after all, are maps for?—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

VON KAHN ISSUES WARNING AGAINST NEW REVOLT

Berlin, December 19.—Dietator von Kahr of Bavaria and Gen. von Lossow, commander of the Bavarian Reichswehr, proclaimed jointly last night that they are taking all precautions against a reported new putsch in their state.

Rumors of such an uprising seem to have been based on several articles in the reactionary press, demanding change in the Bavarian government. Reactionaries have complained that von Kahr is ultra-cautious and inclined to friendship with Berlin "parliamentarianism."

Earlier in the day the dictator issued a warning that all participants in a revolt against the state would face the death sentence. Dispatches from Munich discount the possibility of repetition of the Ludendorff-Hitler beer revolt. It is believed von Kahr is seeking to down his enemies by classing them with the ludicrous putschists of last month.

J. S. Hubbard, executive secretary of the Missouri Press Association, with headquarters at Columbia, Mo., was a Skeston visitor Saturday and Monday, and, of course, visited with The Standard fore.

Westinghouse



Gifts that are Practical

A glance at a group of Westinghouse Electrical Appliances will solve your Christmas problem of "What shall I buy?" There's an ideal gift for every member of your family, for mother, dad, sister and brother. Gifts of

convenience and comfort—Gifts that give pleasure every day in the year—Gifts that save steps and lighten the wearisome household duties—Gifts that make cooking so simple and easy. Useful, practical and convenient.

We have just what you are looking for—come in now and let us show you our Westinghouse display.

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HOLIDAY CANDIES!

Special Orders Taken for Christmas Candies in Holiday Boxes

Mrs. Willard Russell
581-Phones--907 F4



A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help solve your Christmas buying.

For Mother, Daughter

Shoes

Gloves

Hose

Handkerchiefs

Bed Room Slippers

For Father and Son

Shoes, Sox

Ties, Gloves

Fur Caps

Handbags

Handkerchiefs

FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls

Handkerchiefs

House Slippers

Red Top Boots

Don't Forget the Big Shoe Factory Dance, Friday Eve, December 21

Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. H. A. Gentry Dies

Mrs. H. A. Gentry, aged 31 years, died at her home on North Handy street, Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 of tuberculosis. She had been in poor health for a long time and for the past 3 months had been very ill. She was the wife of H. A. Gentry, who operates a truck in this city, and leaves besides her husband, two children to mourn her loss. The funeral was held from the residence at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Brite officiating, after which the body was laid away in the City Cemetery.

She was a good woman and highly respected by her neighbors and friends. The Standard sympathizes with the husband and children in their loss.

Mrs. Green Lescher will give a solo at the evening service at the Methodist church Sunday evening, entitled "Immanuel" by Bachau.

This is the first Christmas in ten years when many families were not in need of help. Plenty of work for everyone has made the town people independent of charity.

Harry C. Blanton has moved his law office from the Scott County Mill Co. Building to the Peoples Bank Building. The change was made in order to secure larger quarters.

Decorative Basket



Plain and figured silk or cretome may be used to cover a cardboard waste basket and convert it into a handsome gift for either a man or woman. First cover the basket with the plain fabric and then apply the pointed medallions and outline them with a fancy braid.

Card of Thanks

Wm. Pate and Earl Pate gratefully acknowledge the kind expressions of sympathy in their late bereavement in the death of their wife and mother.

By Wallace Bassford

JUST OUT
New Victor Records

for Dancing

Bright Moon—Waltz
Hawaiian Nights—Waltz
Ferera and Franchini

Mamma Goes Where Papa Goes—Fox Trot
Mean Blues—Fox Trot
David H. Silverman and His Orchestra

Wonder If She's Lonely Too—Waltz
Charles Dornberger and His Orchestra

I Never Had a Mammy—Fox Trot
The Manhattan Merry-makers

DERRIS, The Druggist

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"COLD IN THE HEAD"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. These subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the system and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thus reducing the inflammation and assisting Nature in restoring normal conditions. All Druggists. Circulars free. E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Shooting Match
At Tanner Switch on Monday, December 24th, rain or shine. Turkeys, chickens, pigs, etc.
EVERETT HARBISON
CLYDE FRYE
A Christmas tree will be had at Crowder to which the entire community will join. The Crowder Store Co. donated bags of goodies for those attending.

Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.
The U. D. C. held their regular meeting last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs with Miss Tadie Watkins and Mrs. Ruskin Cook as hostesses. Ten members were present. It was voted to donate \$6.50 to the Near East Relief. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. L. Tanner, January 12, with Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner as hostesses.

THE FRICTION BETWEEN TOWN AND COUNTRY
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Several years back the merchants in many towns dreaded the coming of the M. F. A. for they believed it was our intention to go into the general merchandising business. As they learned, however, that we merely handle flour, fertilizer, binder twine, oils, etc., and that our Produce Exchange force up the price on eggs, poultry and cream, often the regular merchants have openly welcomed us because a good market on produce draws and holds the farmer trade. Generally speaking, the town bankers and merchants are beginning to realize that the time has come when farmers must organize—when this is the only means, as President Coolidge said in his message to Congress the other day, by which they can protect their prices against the prices established by organized industry and labor. But whether the towns and cities welcome or oppose farmer organization will make little difference in the end, for unquestionably we stand on the threshold of the great farm organization movement in the history of the Nation—and if the leadership of this new movement remains wholesome, if it steers clear of politics and other forms of radicalism, then it will prove an untold blessing not merely to Agriculture but to the business men and workmen of the whole Country. And I say this because a prosperous Agriculture means prosperity for everybody else."

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some doll clothes for my walking and talking doll and I would like a little doll house, and a little bathroom set, if you please.
From
HENRIETTA MOORE
My Dearest Santa:
I want you to come to my house and bring me a new dress, pair of slippers, a lot of candy and nuts, a pair of kid gloves too. I will be good as I can if you will bring those things to me. Please come, will you?
Your Friend
ANNA LIEVERS.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little air rifle, some candy, a train and a bicycle. Be sure and come, and bring me a box of fire crackers. Be sure and don't forget my teacher. I live on Kingshighway.
Your friend
HARLY LIEVERS.
Los Angeles
Dear Santa:
Please bring samples of all kinds of rings so the young man next door can select what I'd like. (Oh! get ahead of the two Helens and Irene yet).
VERA WALPOLE.
Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
Please bring me a dicky-bird in a cage.
ELIZABETH WELCH
Dear Santa:
I am past 23, safe and sane and like 'em old, like 'em young or like 'em mushy. Send 'em my way and I'll teach 'em all I know.
C. L. B. Jr.
Osceola, Ark.
Dearest Santa:
If I had an airplane—do you know what I'd do?
Why I'd go up to Sikeston every week or two
The long miles from here drive me most to distraction
For that town has for me the greatest attraction
A "coup" can come down the highway if the roads are right fair
But bring me an airplane and I'll take the air.
MYRTLE YORK
Dear St. Nicholas
Please send Catherine Blanton a telegram calling her back to school at once.
FRANCOISE BLACK
Santa Claus:
You have neglected me for the past few years—Please bring me "Moore" this year.
BILLIE SMITH.
New Madrid
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a real Smart present for a girl.
"BEDE" STEPP.
Dear Santa:
Please give me the U. S. Navy so I can grant Xmas furloughs.
LILLIAN KENDALL.
Dear Santa:
Don't bring me a doctor cause he might be a quack
Don't bring me a fellow I'd likely send back,
Many a beau proves to be just a faker
But I wouldn't mind if you bring me a Baker.
ADDIE DOVER.
Mayfield Inquiry In January
Washington, December 19.—A subcommittee of five to investigate charges of excessive election expenditures filed against Senator Mayfield, Democrat, Texas, by his opponent, George F. B. Peddy of Houston, was appointed today by the Senate Elections Committee. The inquiry will begin after the holidays and after the Senate has approved a resolution authorizing the investigation. Chairman Spencer said he would present this resolution and that it would follow the form in the Newberry case and would make no reference to the Ku Klux Klan. On the subcommittee are Senators Spencer, Ernst, Kentucky, and Greene, Vermont, Republicans, and King, Utah, and Neely, West Virginia, Democrats.

The Hardwick Mercantile Store at Bertrand has been entered several times of late and articles stolen, so Robert Langford, a clerk in the store, concluded to sleep in the store room and attempt to catch the thief if another attempt was made to burglarize the place. Sometime Wednesday night Mr. Langford heard someone at the front door, got his automatic revolver and proceeded to investigate. Someone was using an anger to cut out the panel of the door, so Langford shot three times through the glass and panel and noted that the party fell to the ground. He used the telephone to call help, but when they arrived no trace of a body was found. It is believed the man was hit and confederates carried him away. S. B. Hardwick of Sikeston, who owns the Bertrand store, was called early in the morning and went to Bertrand to assist in locating some wounded man. He phoned that it was believed the burglars would be cleared up before night and the burglar apprehended. It is possible that the numerous burglaries in Charleston will be cleared up by the arrest of a wounded man.

County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:
All of lots numbered Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), and Sixteen (16) feet off the West side of lot number Thirteen (13), all in Block number Forty-Four (44) of McCoy and Tanner's Eighth Addition to the city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.
Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

Fred P. Howden and his wife, Eleanor Howden, dated February Twenty-ninth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three, and recorded on the second day of March, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in book number 45 at page number 23, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:
All of lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Block number Nine (9) in McCoy and Tanner's Second Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.
Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust, having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

Specials Specials Specials
Lots of 'em at Peek's Variety Store
BETTER XMAS CANDY FOR LESS
Do not run all over town; come to Peek's and get presents for the whole family.
Peek's Variety Store
218 N. New Madrid St.

An abundance of happiness on Christmas Day is the hearty wish of
George J. Arnold, County Treasurer

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Several years back the merchants in many towns dreaded the coming of the M. F. A. for they believed it was our intention to go into the general merchandising business. As they learned, however, that we merely handle flour, fertilizer, binder twine, oils, etc., and that our Produce Exchange force up the price on eggs, poultry and cream, often the regular merchants have openly welcomed us because a good market on produce draws and holds the farmer trade. Generally speaking, the town bankers and merchants are beginning to realize that the time has come when farmers must organize—when this is the only means, as President Coolidge said in his message to Congress the other day, by which they can protect their prices against the prices established by organized industry and labor. But whether the towns and cities welcome or oppose farmer organization will make little difference in the end, for unquestionably we stand on the threshold of the great farm organization movement in the history of the Nation—and if the leadership of this new movement remains wholesome, if it steers clear of politics and other forms of radicalism, then it will prove an untold blessing not merely to Agriculture but to the business men and workmen of the whole Country. And I say this because a prosperous Agriculture means prosperity for everybody else."

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some doll clothes for my walking and talking doll and I would like a little doll house, and a little bathroom set, if you please.
From
HENRIETTA MOORE
My Dearest Santa:
I want you to come to my house and bring me a new dress, pair of slippers, a lot of candy and nuts, a pair of kid gloves too. I will be good as I can if you will bring those things to me. Please come, will you?
Your Friend
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little air rifle, some candy, a train and a bicycle. Be sure and come, and bring me a box of fire crackers. Be sure and don't forget my teacher. I live on Kingshighway.
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Please bring me a dicky-bird in a cage.
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I am past 23, safe and sane and like 'em old, like 'em young or like 'em mushy. Send 'em my way and I'll teach 'em all I know.
C. L. B. Jr.
Osceola, Ark.
Dearest Santa:
If I had an airplane—do you know what I'd do?
Why I'd go up to Sikeston every week or two
The long miles from here drive me most to distraction
For that town has for me the greatest attraction
A "coup" can come down the highway if the roads are right fair
But bring me an airplane and I'll take the air.
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Please give me the U. S. Navy so I can grant Xmas furloughs.
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Don't bring me a doctor cause he might be a quack
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Many a beau proves to be just a faker
But I wouldn't mind if you bring me a Baker.
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The Hardwick Mercantile Store at Bertrand has been entered several times of late and articles stolen, so Robert Langford, a clerk in the store, concluded to sleep in the store room and attempt to catch the thief if another attempt was made to burglarize the place. Sometime Wednesday night Mr. Langford heard someone at the front door, got his automatic revolver and proceeded to investigate. Someone was using an anger to cut out the panel of the door, so Langford shot three times through the glass and panel and noted that the party fell to the ground. He used the telephone to call help, but when they arrived no trace of a body was found. It is believed the man was hit and confederates carried him away. S. B. Hardwick of Sikeston, who owns the Bertrand store, was called early in the morning and went to Bertrand to assist in locating some wounded man. He phoned that it was believed the burglars would be cleared up before night and the burglar apprehended. It is possible that the numerous burglaries in Charleston will be cleared up by the arrest of a wounded man.

County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:
All of lots numbered Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), and Sixteen (16) feet off the West side of lot number Thirteen (13), all in Block number Forty-Four (44) of McCoy and Tanner's Eighth Addition to the city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.
Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

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All of lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Block number Nine (9) in McCoy and Tanner's Second Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.
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Announcement
GET THE BEST MONEY CAN BUY FOR YOUR CAR—IT DESERVES IT
Do you want a gas that is volatile, burns clean to the last drop, has the pep and kick, and above all, *Gives You More Miles to the Gallon*—then
Try Texaco
Mr. Bomer, who runs the Sikeston-Charleston Bus every day, says: "After giving TEXACO a fair trial, I find that I get more mileage out of Texaco gasoline, and thorough satisfaction." This can be verified and many other such cases can be found.
Get Texaco Gas and Oils at Louis C. Erdmann's Garage and Try It Yourself
A souvenir will be given to every customer on Saturday, December 22d, purchasing Texaco at Mr. Erdmann's Garage.
BE SURE AND COME
Simpson Oil Co.
Distributors for The Texas Co.

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Get the "Big Brother" spirit Monday and Tuesday at the Malone Theatre.
LOST—Tire, rim and cover from a Packard car between Charleston and Sikeston.—Taylor Auto Co.
Trustee's Sale
WHEREAS, Fred M. Mirly, single and unmarried, by his certain Deed of Trust dated the first day of July, 1917 and recorded in the Recorder's office of Scott County, at Deed Book 37 pages 171-2-3, conveyed to Louis Breiling and the St. Louis Union Trust Company all his right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, viz:
All of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section Eleven (Sec. 11), Township Twenty-Eight North (Twp. 28 N.), Range Fourteen East (14E.) containing, according to Government Survey One Hundred and Sixty acres (160 A.) more or less.
And, whereas, said deed of trust provided that in case the said Louis Breiling and The St. Louis Union Trust Company refused to act as trustees if foreclosure became necessary, that the undersigned Sheriff of Scott County Missouri should succeed to all their rights as such trustees and should act as substitute trustee. Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note in said deed described, and the performance of certain stipulated conditions therein contained, and whereas the said note has become due and unpaid, and whereas the stipulated conditions have been breached, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I will proceed to sell the above described Real Estate at door of the Court House in the town of Benton, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on **SATURDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924**, between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said note, together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.
WILLIAM KIRKENDALL,
Sheriff of Scott County,
Acting Trustee.
Dated this 20th day of December, 1923

Used Cars
Model 57 Cadillac Touring
Buick, 1923 Model Touring, Four
Only driven 1100 miles
Cash, Terms or Trade
Taylor Automobile Co.

The Greater Movie Season
NOW IS THE TIME TO REVISE YOUR SCREEN OPINIONS
Change, change, change, that is the law of progress! What's fixed is dead and the movies move.
Within the heart of every energetic man and woman in the motion picture industry is the passionate wish to make a photoplay that will fire the imagination of whole nations with its glory.
Can anything, tawdry, dirty, flashy or cheap do this? Of course not and they know it.
The motion picture people know today, as surely as the Church of God knows, that the greatest theme is the theme of Man and Woman dramatically fighting shoulder to shoulder to get above the earthliness of the earth.
We know our feet are in the mud, but our eyes are on the stars!
Anything that drags us down will soon quit paying its producers because that's not the way we aim to go!
Motion pictures are on the right track today.
See them and they will give you a new idea of the punch of real entertainment.
THE GREATER MOVIE SEASON IS HERE: PROVE IT BY GOING!
O. W. McCUTCHEON.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
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All of lots numbered Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) in Block number Thirty-one (31) of McCoy and Tanner's Sixth Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.
Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will at the request of said legal holder and owner, on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1923** between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. of said day, sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Postoffice in the town or city of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.
LEE B. EWING,
Trustee.
First publication 12-7-'23.
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Default having been made for more than six months in payment of dues and interest secured by note described in the deed of trust executed by F. H. Briggs and his wife, Lola Briggs, dated August Nineteenth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Two, and recorded on the Twenty-Sixth day of September, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Two, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45 at Page number 18, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon, in the

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bock and children spent Tuesday in Cairo.

Alfred Stepp returned Tuesday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. Clay Mitchell left Monday for Oklahoma City to visit her parents. Judge Jas. A. Finch spent Monday in Charleston attending Circuit Court.

J. M. Miles left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., to look after business matters.

Evans Copeland and Richard Phillips attended the dance in Charleston Friday night.

Mrs. Ella Hutton of Fornfelt arrived Sunday, as the guest of Mrs. James A. Finch.

Wes Sherwood, Jr., arrived Sunday from St. Joseph to visit his father, Wes Sherwood, of this city.

Mrs. Eddy Phillips is shopping in St. Louis this week and visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Phren.

Mesdames W. D. Howard, James H. Howard and Belle Bloomfield were Sikeston visitors last Monday.

Miss Elsie Smart will leave the latter part of the week to spend Xmas with her parents in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch and Mrs. Florence B. Finch returned Sunday from St. Louis, where they spent several days.

Mrs. Anna Blake returned Monday from Marston, where she spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Broughton.

Mrs. Mary Bloomfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Stacy and the family of Judge Wm. Graham in Sikeston this week.

Mrs. Della Harris and son, A. B. and Miss Esther Knott will spend Christmas in St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knott.

George Boone, who is attending school at Chicago, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boone, during the holidays.

Mrs. Allen Engram returned to her home at Canaan Sunday, after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson and grandson, James Bentley of Farmington, will spend Christmas with relatives in New Madrid.

Misses Hilma Royce and Leone Gallivan of this city and Russell Leming of Morehouse attended the dance at Charleston, Friday night.

Weldon Chatman, 18 year old son of James Chatman, near LaForge died Sunday, December 16th and was buried Monday, at Farnenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Broughton will spend the holidays with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Christy Broughton and Miss Louis Broughton, of Cairo.

Misses Dorothy Riley, Evelyn Hunter and Virginia Francis, students of Visitation Convent, St. Louis, will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Smith of Bismarck and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Servais and little daughter, of Paducah, Ky., will spend the holidays with relatives in New Madrid.

Mrs. Floyd Hummel and children, of St. Louis, arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hummel. Mr. Hummel will arrive Monday of next week to spend Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Faris of Hickman, Ky., will arrive this week to spend the holidays at the Robbins farm south of town. Their daughter,

Miss Myra, will visit the family of her uncle, J. K. Robbins, at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Massengill will go to Cape Girardeau Saturday to accompany their daughters Misses Dixie and Sibyl, and Miss Sue Shelby, students of Teachers College, home to spend the holidays in New Madrid with homefolks.

Mrs. Jas. Howard very delightfully entertained the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on Mitchell Avenue last Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. W. D. Howard and Mrs. Francis Steel playing as substitutes. Mrs. Harry Sharp made the highest score and was presented with a boudoir cap. A delicious luncheon was served after the game.

Miss Leone Gallivan entertained a number of her friends last Wednesday evening with a dancing party. Those present were Misses Margaret Carrigan, Alleen La Plant, Hilma Royce, and Frances Richards, and Messrs. Paul Dawson, G. Richards, Evans Copeland, Richard Phillips and Thad Campbell. At a late hour, a delicious Welshrarebit luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. N. Summers of Canaan was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Winters last week. While here she received a message that her daughter, Miss Ada Summers, who is attending school at Greenville, Ky., was taken to the Hospital at Louisville, to be operated on for appendicitis. Miss Ada will be remembered by the public school students as having attended school here two years ago.

RUSSIA SENDS NOTE TO U. S. ON RECOGNITION

New York, December 17.—The Russian Soviet Government is ready to do all in its power so far as the dignity and interests of its country permit to bring about friendship with the United States, George Tchitcherine, Soviet Commissary for Foreign Affairs, declared in an official note to President Coolidge made public last night by the Russian Telegraph Agency.

The note, based on part of President Coolidge's message to Congress, read: "It has been the constant endeavor of the Soviet Government to bring about resumption of friendly relations with the United States based on mutual trust. With this end in view, it has repeatedly announced its readiness to enter into negotiations with the American Government and to remove all misunderstandings and differences between the two countries. After reading your message to Congress, the Soviet Government, sincerely anxious to establish at last firm friendship with the people and government of the United States, informs you of its complete readiness to discuss with your Government all problems mentioned in your message, these negotiations being based upon the principle of mutual non-intervention in internal affairs."

"The Soviet Government will continue wholeheartedly to adhere to this principle, expecting the same attitude from the American Government."

"As to question of claims mentioned in your message, the Soviet Government is fully prepared to negotiate with a view toward its satisfactory settlement on the assumption that the principle of reciprocity will be recognized all around. On its part, the Soviet Government is ready to do all in its power, so far as the dignity and interests of its country permit, to bring about the desired end of renewal of friendship with the United States of America."

To be womanly is the greatest charm of woman.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Columbus De Lisle, et al to Cora Lee Fuller: All of lots 1, 2 and 3 in blk. 39 in DeLisle's 2nd addition to the city of Portageville. \$300.

Jessie P. Eckler to Sarah E. Pearce: Undivided 5-8 interest in W½ of NE¼ of E½ of NW¼ all in 12-24-13. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Etta Richardson to Lydia Pitts: All of S½ of lots 6 and 7 in blk. 29 in De Lisle 1st addition to city of Portageville. \$550.

Fred A. Hellage and wife to Geo. D. Steele: All of lot 3, block 1 in the platte village of Kewanee. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

K. K. Kevill and wife to D. B. Kevill: Undivided 1-3 interest in E½ of 23-23-12 containing 313 acres more or less. \$1.00.

Frank Freeman and wife to W. Raymond Pryor: All of lots 57, 58 and 59 in blk. 6 in H. L. Snider's addition to the town of Lotta, now a part of the town of Parma. \$300.

J. L. Murrell and wife to Ollian Dacus and wife: All of lot 18 in block 3 in Killeens add. to the city of Portageville. \$1050.

Mary Pasley and husband to Eric B. Belden: All the S½ of SW¼ of 19-23-13 and containing 80 acres. \$1 and other valuable consideration.

Columbus De Lisle and others to Oscar Fuller: All of lots 10 and 11, blk. 48 in De Lisle's 2nd addition to Portageville.

W. L. Barnard and wife to Jesse Bedsoe: Tract of land in sur. 652-23-14 310x173 ft. \$1200.

Sarah B. West to A. R. Parker and Robert Jamison: 50 ft. off N. end of lot 7 in blk. B of H. C. Latham's addition to the city of New Madrid. \$450.

Muri R. Kerr to W. E. Gray: My undivided interest in lot 5, blk. 2 in the original plat of the City of Parma. \$15.

HYDE'S HUNTING BOAT DAMAGED BY FIRE

Poplar Bluff, Mo., December 17.—Several members of Gov. Hyde's hunting party lost all their clothing, except their night attire, when a fire early today damaged one of the houseboats the party is using on the Black River.

One of the party borrowed an extra pair of the Governor's trousers and came here for additional clothing and bed clothing.

The fire was caused by one of the party attempting to kindle a fire with gasoline, it was said.

Protest Over French Action

London, December 17.—In the diplomatic struggle now going on in Bucharest between the French, British and American ministers over oil concessions France has held up the payment of credits recently voted Rumania, and is trying in this way to obtain exclusive or preferential oil rights.

The British have entered formal protest against the French action, and the United States legation is reported to have aligned itself against any deal with the French that would jeopardize American oil interests.

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Don't trouble me;
And what I see
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Did I know,
That it must be so.
—Goethe

MAKE 1923 THE HARDWARE CHRISTMAS

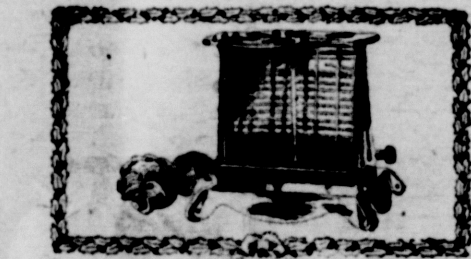
JUST think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle, or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before-breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore finger for little brother, and the carving set and silver.

You see we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other hardware things we could hang on the tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"A Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas.

We have the largest collection of Community Silverware in this section. Come in and see the wonderful display of Toys—one of the best in South-east Missouri.



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| Six Water Glasses |\$2.25 |
| Ice Tea Glasses, 6 |\$2.75 |
| Goblets, six |\$2.75 |
| Gold Rim Goblets |\$5.75 |
| Berry Set |\$4.95 |
| Celery Dish |\$1.95 |
| Vinegar Cruet |\$2.45 |
| Cream & Sugar Set |\$1.95 |
| Mayonaise Set |\$2.25 |
| Bud Vase |45c up |
| Solid Mahogany candle sticks and trays | |



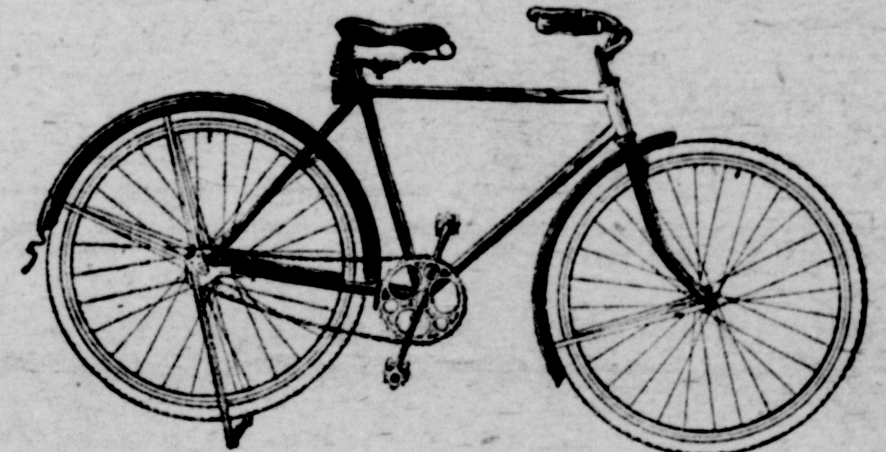
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| Electric Irons |\$5.00 up |
| Curling Irons |\$4.25 up |
| Percolator |\$7.50 up |
| Toaster |\$1.95 up |
| Polar Cub Vibrator |\$4.75 |
| Flashlights |\$1.00 up |
| Boudoir Lamps in all shades. | |
| Electric Heaters, Xmas Special |\$1.95 |



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| Velocipedes |\$3.75 up |
| Wagons |95c up |
| Coaster Wagons |5.00 up |
| Doll Carts |\$4.45 up |
| Carbide Cannons |\$1.25 up |



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| Pocket Knives |25c up |
| Carving Sets |\$1.25 up |
| Scissors |25c up |
| Safety Razors |75c up |
| Old Style Razors |\$1.50 up |



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WILLIAM G. M'ADOO ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Los Angeles, Cal., December 17.—William Gibbs McAdoo, wartime director of the American railroads, tonight announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in a telegram to W. W. Hawes, Democratic state chairman, Pierre. S. D.

Pleasant Valley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan spent Saturday afternoon in Sikeston taking advantage of the wonderful bargains advertised by progressive Sikeston merchants.

William McCloud, Roscoe and Gus Foster attended the Sunday School at Brown Spur last Sunday.

The weather man beamed very brightly Sunday, the first time in four weeks.

Several have killed hogs lately and are prepared to serve sausage, head cheese and spare-ribs for Xmas.

This is the time of year to enjoy farm life as there is no work to rush at and plenty of fresh cold butter and milk. Also eggs galore. Not to mention fresh country sausage, etc.

A nice program is to be given at the school Xmas eve and a tree will be the delight of the kiddies. Many of the parents are expected to be present and all are cordially invited to attend.

Love's sweetest meanings are unspoken; the full heart knows no rhetoric of words.

HARTY CHOSEN NEW PRESIDENT OF S. E. MO. TRUST CO.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Southeast Missouri Trust Company this morning, A. L. Harty of St. Louis, Mo., was employed by that institution. Mr. Harty is to become president of the bank. Mr. Deal remains executive head of the institution and is to be elevated to the chairmanship of the board of directors, a new position that is to be created.

Mr. Harty is a man of large affairs and wide experience. He formerly served as state superintendent of insurance. He organized and is now the president of the St. Idard County Trust Company at Bloomfield, and has been a member of the board of supervisors of the Little River Drainage District since its organization. At present he is treasurer of the International Life Insurance Company of St. Louis. He will remain on the board of the life insurance company, but will resign as treasurer when he moves to Cape Girardeau, shortly after the first of the year to assume his new duties with Southeast Missouri's largest financial institution.

Martin G. Bender, efficient assistant secretary, was rewarded for his 15 years of faithful service to the institution by being elected secretary and treasurer, at an increased salary, and August Kempe, genial bookkeeper, was made assistant secretary.

This advanced step in banking was taken by the bank in recognition of the rapid growth of Cape Girardeau and Southeast Missouri and the desire of the board of directors to render greater service to its present and prospective patrons.—Cape Missouri.

If there is a virtue in the world at which we should aim, it is cheerfulness.

OH BOY!
THE BIJOU
*Is Now All Dressed
Up and Ready for
Old Santa*

Fancy Box Candies, Box Stationery, Special Christmas Wrapped Cigars, Pipes, Cigarettes, Bunte Hard Mixed Candies, Ambrosia Milk Bulk Chocolates, Home Made Candies.

*Before Buying Go to The Bijou
"Where Good Fellows Meet"*

Notice To Taxpayers!

Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Sikeston from December 3rd to December 29th. Office at City Hall, Sikeston, Mo.

EMIL STECK
Collector Scott County, Missouri